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HALF-OGRE
YOU'RE AN OGRE.
I WONDER WHO WAS THE FIRST PERSON TO SAY THAT TO ME.
SOME TEACHER OR SOMEONE I FOUGHT WITH...
...OR MAYBE MY MOTHER, A KEPT WOMAN FOR SOME BASTARD.
A HEARTLESS OGRE.
YOU'RE AN OGRE.

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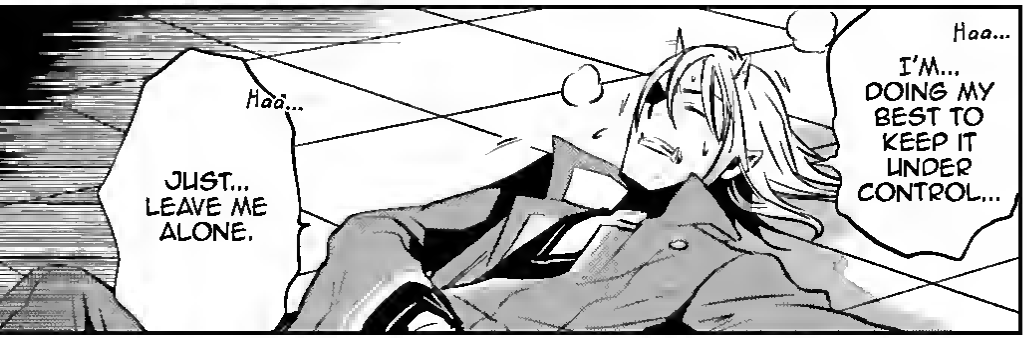
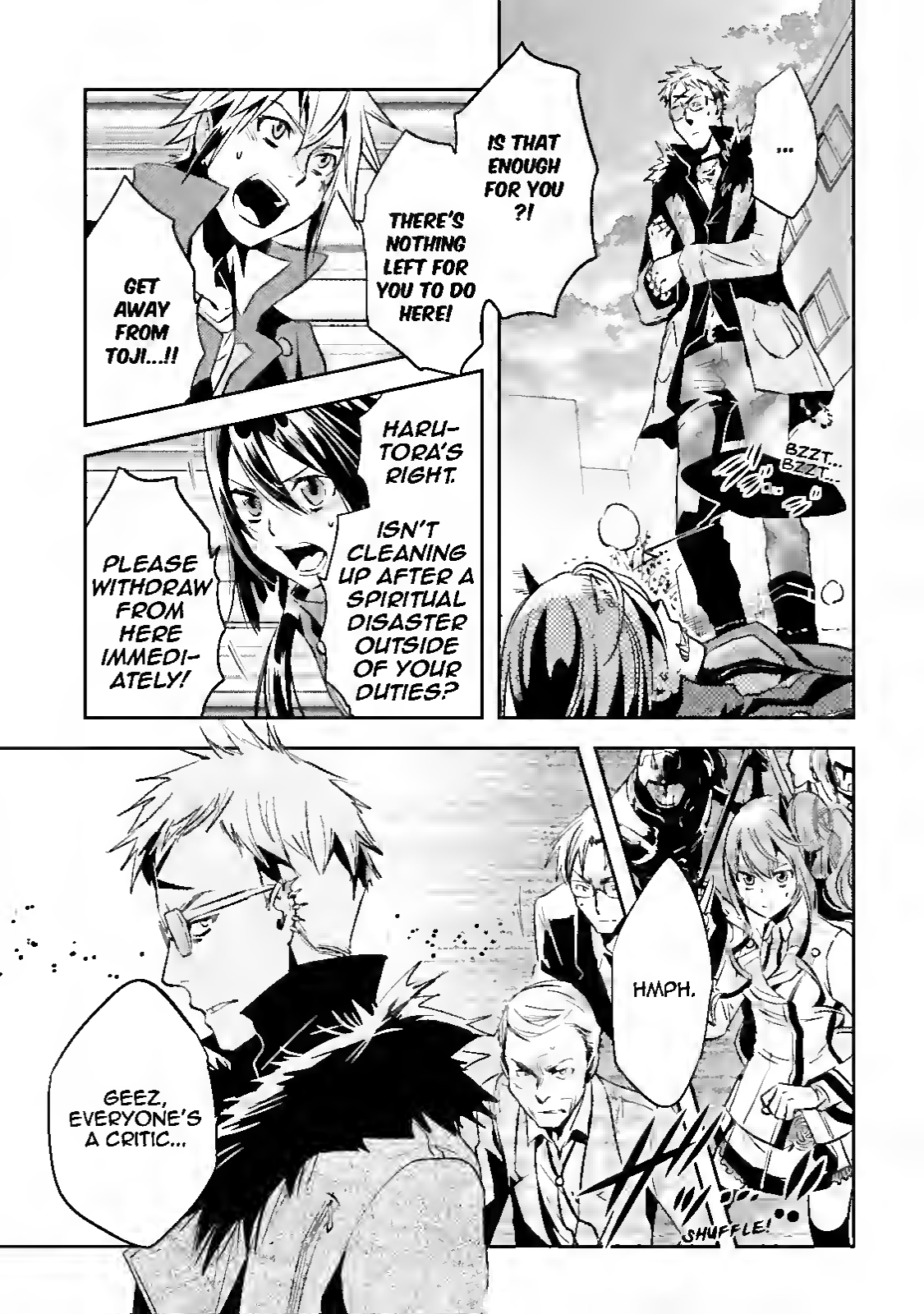
TOJI IS...
...A HALF-OGRE?!
BNNNT
NOT SO IMPRESSIVE NOW, EH? THAT 'CAUSE THE SPIRIT PULSE DIED DOWN?
THE SOONER YOU LET THE OGRE TAKE OVER COMPLETELY...
...THEN THE EASIER MY JOB WILL BE.
!!
AND AS AN INDE-PENDENT EXORCIST, I CAN'T OVERLOOK A SPIRITUAL DISASTER WAITIN' TO HAPPEN.
SO, KID...

WHAT'S IT....
...GONNA BE?
YOU...
...PIECE OF CRAP!!
GRRR
HA HA...
CAREFUL WHO YOU'RE GRAB-BING...

...YOU SCAR-FACED BASTARD.
GRAB
I DON'T CARE IF YOU ARE ONE OF THE TWELVE DIVINE GENERALS.
CREAK
BZZZT BZZZT...
BZZZT...
MESS AROUND WITH A HALF-OGRE AND...

...YOU MAY END UP DEAD.
WHAT THE...
FWOOMP
Haa...
TOJI!! YOU...
FWUMP


Haa...
I'M... DOING MY BEST TO KEEP IT UNDER CONTROL...
Haa...
JUST... LEAVE ME ALONE.


...
IS THAT ENOUGH FOR YOU ?!
THERE'S NOTHING LEFT FOR YOU TO DO HERE!
GET AWAY FROM TOJI...!!
BZZT... BZZT...
HARU-TORA'S RIGHT.
ISN'T CLEANING UP AFTER A SPIRITUAL DISASTER OUTSIDE OF YOUR DUTIES?
PLEASE WITHDRAW FROM HERE IMMEDI-ATELY!
HMPH.
SHUFFLE!
GEEZ, EVERYONE'S A CRITIC...

THEN BRING IT ON.
BYOOON
FLINCH
THIS SPIRIT ENERGY...
IT'S AS SHARP AS A BLADE!
KAGAMI! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
FLAP
FLAP
FLAP

WHA--?
C-CROWS...?
FLAP
FLAP
AH CRAP...
CAAAAW!
I'M NOT A CROW! I'M A TENGU!
YADA!
HEY, DASSAI! STOP GOING OFF ALONE!
FLAP
FLAP
AAH!
AH-- KAGAMI!
KAGAMI IS DOING SOME-THING BAD AGAIN!
AAAH!
AAH!
...
Aah?
A DRAGON! IT'S A DRAGON?!
KOKU-RYU! FORGET THE DRAGON!
CAAW!
CHECK OUT KAGAMI!
CAAW!

CAAW!
CAAW!
DON'T TELL ME, YOU LET IT GET AWAY?
KAGAMI LET IT GET AWAY!
KAGAMI! DID YOU PURIFY IT?
AAAH!
THERE'S A DRAGON, BUT THERE'S NO NUE!
WHERE'S THE NUE ANYWAY?
AAH!
WHAT DID "OGRE EATER" DO THIS TIME?!
CAAAW!
AAH!
SHAKE
SHAKE
SHAKE
SHOCK
CAAW!
EVEN AFTER ALL THAT BIG TALK!
CAAW!
...SHUT UP...
SERVES YOU RIGHT! SERVES YOU RIGHT!
ZENJIRO'S GONNA BE SO MAD AT YOU WHEN HE HEARS.
...
BROOOOOM
KAGAMI!
WHAT HAPPENED TO THE NUE?
SCREECH!

ITS PRESENCE IS GONE, BUT IT DOESN'T FEEL LIKE YOU PURIFIED IT!
BROOOM...
AAH!
ZEN-JIRO!! BIG TROU-BLE!
THE IDIOT KAGAMI LET THE NUE GET AWAY!
AAAH!
FAILURE! FAILURE!
AAH!
INDEPENDENT EXORCIST ZENJIRO KOGURE
HE'S...!
HE'S ONE OF THE TWELVE DIVINE GENERALS!
WHAT THE...?
I'VE SEEN HIM ON TV BEFORE...

AND THAT...
WHAT'S GOING ON HERE...
A DRAG-ON?
KAGA-MI!
WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?!
THE NUE GOT AWAY. AND LET'S BE HON-EST...
IT'S TOO LATE TO GO AFTER IT NOW.
HMPH!
ARE YOU SAYING YOU COULDN'T HANDLE IT?
SOME-THING GOT IN MY WAY
SEEMS LIKE THE TWIN HORN SYNDI-CATE'S WORK.
WHA--! FIRST, JUST GIVE ME THE FACTS.
THE NUE ESCAPED DUE TO SOME THIRD PARTY IN-TERFERING WITH THE PURIFICA-TION?
AND? WHO WAS IT?
I DON'T KNOW. THERE'S BEEN NO SIGN SINCE THE SPIRIT PULSE.
THEY WERE QUITE SKILLED.

I SEE...
AND?
WHO'S THE BOY?
PLEASE WAIT...!
HE HAS SOME AFTER-EFFECTS FROM THAT...
...BUT HE'S BEEN TREATED BY AN ONMYO MAGE DOCTOR AND WAS TOLD THAT HE'S FINE!
HE'S NOT DANGEROUS...
HE'S THE VICTIM OF A SPIRITUAL DISASTER.
NOT NOW, BUT FROM TWO YEARS AGO!
?
STEP STEP

SCRATCH
...?
INDE-PENDENT OFFICER KOGURE!
SCRATCH
I AM A TEACHER AT ONMYO PREP.
EVERYONE HERE IS A STUDENT.
PLEASE BELIEVE ME!
Oh.
WOULD YOU HAPPEN TO BE A FORMER EXORCIST?
THAT'S COR-RECT!
SNAP!
IN THE MIDDLE OF OUR PRACTICAL EXAM, WE WERE ATTACKED BY A CHIMERA TYPE, AND WERE SAVED BY INDE-PENDENT OFFICER KAGAMI.
AT THAT POINT, AS INDEPENDENT OFFICER KAGAMI REPORTED, THERE WAS INTERFERENCE FROM A THIRD PARTY!
ADDITIONALLY, THAT YOUNG MAN'S NAME IS TOJI ATO.

Hmmmmm.
ONMYO PREP.. I SEE.
I GUESS JIN DID MENTION SOMETHING...
WHICH MEANS ...
ODD
...ACCEPT FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE BOY AND HIS ACTIONS!
WE, AT ONMYO PREP..
...HE WILL NOT BE DOING ANYTHING TO CAUSE YOU TROUBLE.
LIKE THIS PREPARATORY STUDENT SAID...

THIS DRAGON IS TSUCHIMIKADO'S FAMILIAR!
CAAW!
EH! EH!
?
...THIS MUST BE THE TSUCHIMIKADO'S DRAGON.
CAAW!
CAAW!

GULP
...ALL RIGHT!

AND A VICTIM OF THE SPIRITUAL DISASTER TWO YEARS AGO?
YES, I DO REMEMBER THAT A CHILD SURVIVED IT...

KAGAMI!
COME WITH ME TO PURSUE THE NUE.
WHA?
ARE YOU SAYING YOU CAN'T?
THAT NUE WAS NO ACCIDENT. IT'S BEEN MANIPULATED BY HUMAN HANDS.
IT'S SMART, AND IF IT'S INVOLVED WITH A TERRORIST GROUP, IT WILL PROBABLY USE INVISIBILITY.

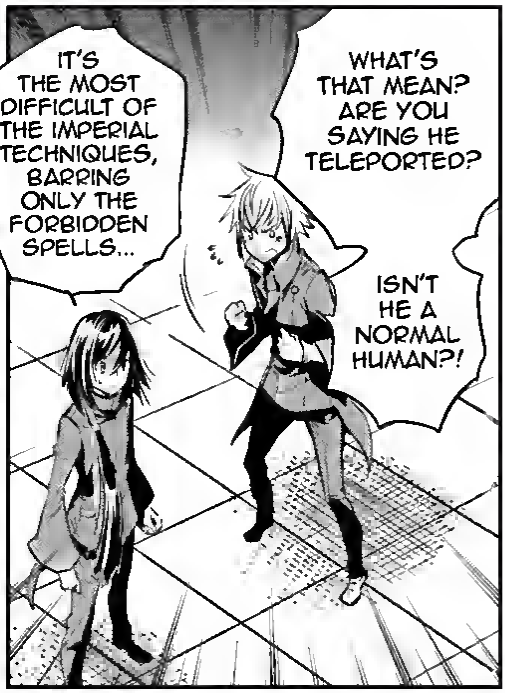
I'M SORRY, BUT WE HAVE TO GO AFTER THE SPIRITUAL DISASTER.
PROFESSOR!
TSK!
LET'S TRACK IT DOWN AND FIND OUT FOR SURE.
TIME TO WORK!

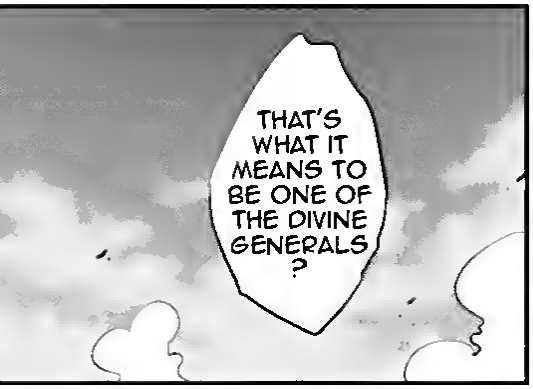
LEAVE THE CLEAN UP OF THIS AREA TO THEM.
ALSO, THE PURIFICATION TEAM FROM THE MEGURO BRANCH IS ON THEIR WAY HERE NOW.
I'M VERY SORRY, BUT IF YOU HAVE ANY OBJECTIONS, PLEASE SUBMIT THEM TO THE EXORCISM BUREAU LATER ON.
I'M SURE KAGAMI CAUSED YOU A LOT OF TROUBLE, BUT THIS IS AN EMERGENCY.

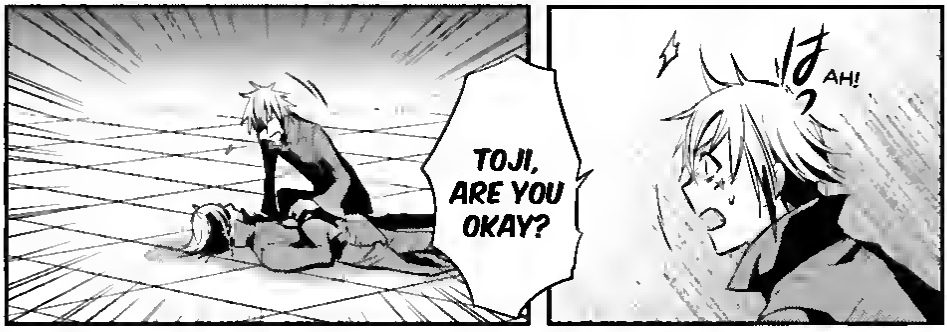
CAW! THAT IS SO ZENJIRO!
CLICK
DO YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU ARE TO DO?
YES, SIR!
WE WILL COMPLY WITH YOUR ORDERS, OFFICER KOGURE.
GOOD LUCK, SIR!
SNAP!
TOO NICE! YOU'RE TOO NICE, ZENJIRO!
THAT'S WHY KAGAMI DOES WHATEVER HE WANTS!
VROOOOOM
QUIET! YOU GUYS HELP US SEARCH FOR THE NUE, TOO!
LET'S GO!
SCREEEECH
KAGAMI!
GRR...

STEP
STEP
HARU-TORA.
TOJI.
NATSU-ME.
STEP
STEP
STEP
GLARE
I WON'T...
...FORGET YOUR NAMES.
?!
FWOOSH
HE'S... GONE?!
A SPIRIT STEP ...
HE'S TRAVELING THROUGH THE SPIRIT PULSE.
UNBE-LIEV-ABLE...

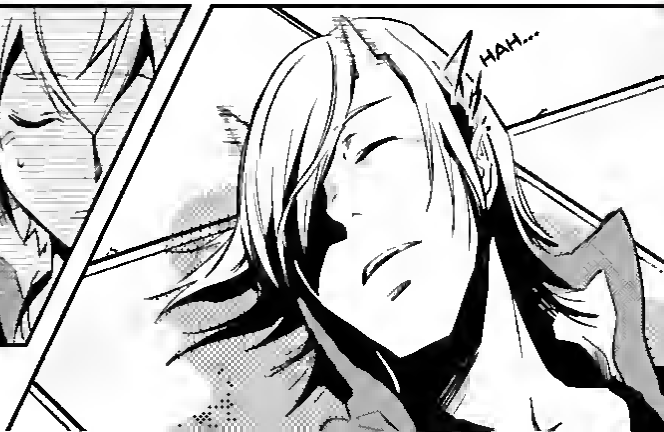
THAT'S ...


IT'S THE MOST DIFFICULT OF THE IMPERIAL TECHNIQUES, BARRING ONLY THE FORBIDDEN SPELLS...
WHAT'S THAT MEAN? ARE YOU SAYING HE TELEPORTED?
ISN'T HE A NORMAL HUMAN?!

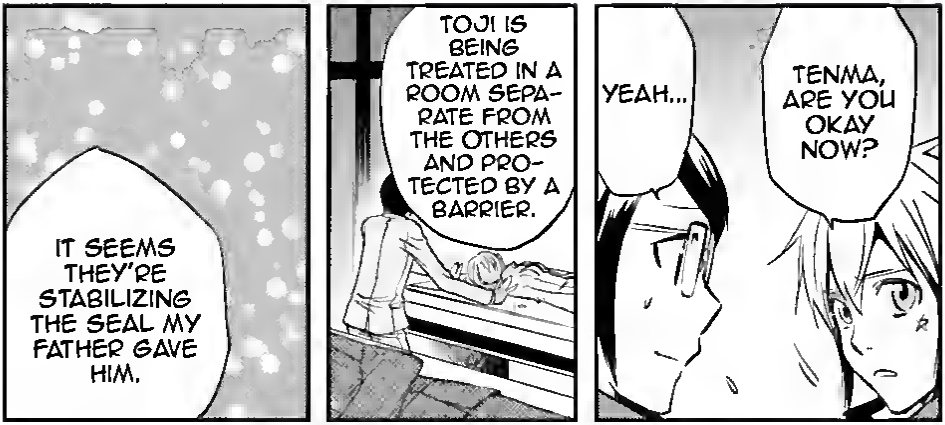

THAT'S WHAT IT MEANS TO BE ONE OF THE DIVINE GENERALS ?

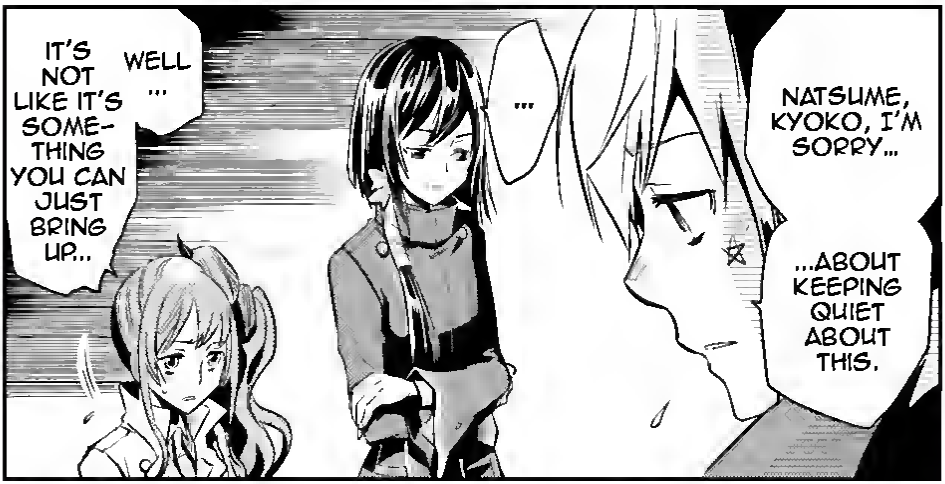

TOJI, ARE YOU OKAY?
AH!

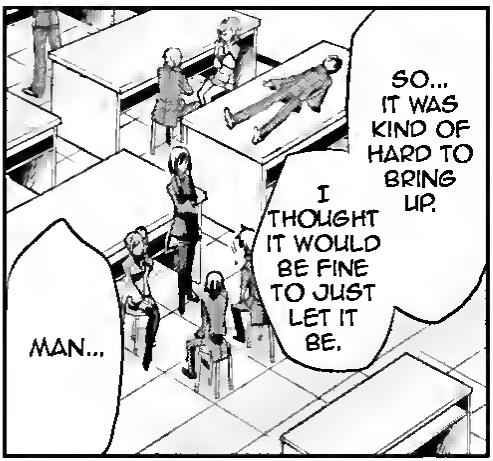
STAGGER
SIGH...


HAH...

I DON'T BELIEVE IT...
...TO THINK THAT TOJI WAS HIDING SOMETHING LIKE THIS...


IT SEEMS THEY'RE STABILIZING THE SEAL MY FATHER GAVE HIM.
TOJI IS BEING TREATED IN A ROOM SEPARATE FROM THE OTHERS AND PROTECTED BY A BARRIER.
YEAH...
TENMA, ARE YOU OKAY NOW?


WELL ...
IT'S NOT LIKE IT'S SOMETHING YOU CAN JUST BRING UP...
...
NATSUME, KYOKO, I'M SORRY...
...ABOUT KEEPING QUIET ABOUT THIS.


SO... IT WAS KIND OF HARD TO BRING UP.
I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE FINE TO JUST LET IT BE.
MAN...

IT'S JUST... AFTER COMING HERE, TOJI AND ME HAD BEEN...
... GETTING ALONG REALLY WELL WITH EVERYONE AND ALL.

DON'T BE MAD AT TOJI FOR NOT SAYING ANYTHING.
HE WAS PROBABLY JUST FOLLOWING MY LEAD.
...!
IT WAS GOING SO WELL...
...AGAIN.
I CAN'T BELIEVE I RUINED THINGS ...
TWITCH
I BET HE PROBABLY DIDN'T WANT TO...
...LET THIS BE DESTROYED, TOO.
STILL!
HE KNOWS HOW MUCH...
...I LIKE BEING HERE, AND WITH ALL OF YOU GUYS.
HE SAW RIGHT THROUGH ME.

I'M SORRY!
FOR NOT SAYING ANYTHING ...
...I'M REALLY SORRY.
BUT HE REALLY ISN'T DANGER-OUS.
AFTER THE DISASTER, HE WAS TREATED AT ONE OF "THOSE" INSTITUTIONS FOR ABOUT A YEAR.
I WENT WITH MY DAD A BUNCH OF TIMES, BUT...
...IT LOOKED PRETTY PAIN-FUL.
I THINK IT WAS AROUND THEN THAT HE LOST CON-TROL.
TH-THERE WAS A TIME WHEN HE WAS ON THE VERGE OF BECOM-ING AN OGRE...
...BUT HE'S DEFI-NITELY FINE NOW.
GEEZ...

...WE GOT MIXED UP WITH A CRAPPY DIVINE GENERAL...
...AND TOJI'S SUF-FERED A LOT, TOO.
I EVEN GOT ALL OF YOU DRAGGED INTO IT...
Heh heh...
I REALLY DON'T HAVE ANY LUCK.
TODAY'S EXAM WAS RUINED...
...WE GOT AT-TACKED BY A NUE...
I'M SORRY... I'M REALLY SORRY, OKAY?
ALL OF THIS IS MY FAULT.
SO PLEASE ...
HARUTORA.
NEVER UTTER SUCH WORDS AGAIN.

SNAP!
THAT'S AN ORDER AS YOUR MASTER.
HEH

YOU'RE OH-SO-SORRY FOR KEEPING SECRETS?
WELL, IF THAT'S THE CASE...
WHISPER
...THEN I GUESS WE'RE EVEN...
...STUPID-TORA.
WHAT...?
FLUSH
HEH...

NA-TSU-ME?
WHAT? UMM...
WELL, AM I WRONG?
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU GUYS THOUGHT WE WERE THAT DUMB.
BUT SERI-OUSLY, YOU AND TOJI...
?
?
SPIN
HAVE YOU EVER HEARD ANYTHING HALF SO STUPID?
I MEAN, REALLY ...
...EVEN JUST A LITTLE, IF WE KNEW THAT TOJI WAS A HALF-OGRE, RIGHT?
YOU WERE WORRIED THAT OUR ATTITUDE MIGHT CHANGE ...
ISN'T THAT MUCH OBVIOUS?!
I DON'T CARE IF HE'S A HALF-OGRE OR WHAT.
TOJI IS TOJI.
I...

I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU DIDN'T TELL US!
OH, UH, YEAH! THAT'S RIGHT.
YOU GUYS ...
Ah, besides you, Natsume.
BOYS ARE ALWAYS SO DUMB ABOUT THIS KINDA STUFF.
RIGHT, TENMA?
HUH?
BUT THERE'S NO HELPING IT, RIGHT?
I MEAN, GEEZ!
NATSU-ME...
EVERYONE HAS SOME SECRET THEY CAN'T SHARE.
...IT'S FINE, WE'LL FORGIVE YOU THIS TIME.
Hehe
THANKS...

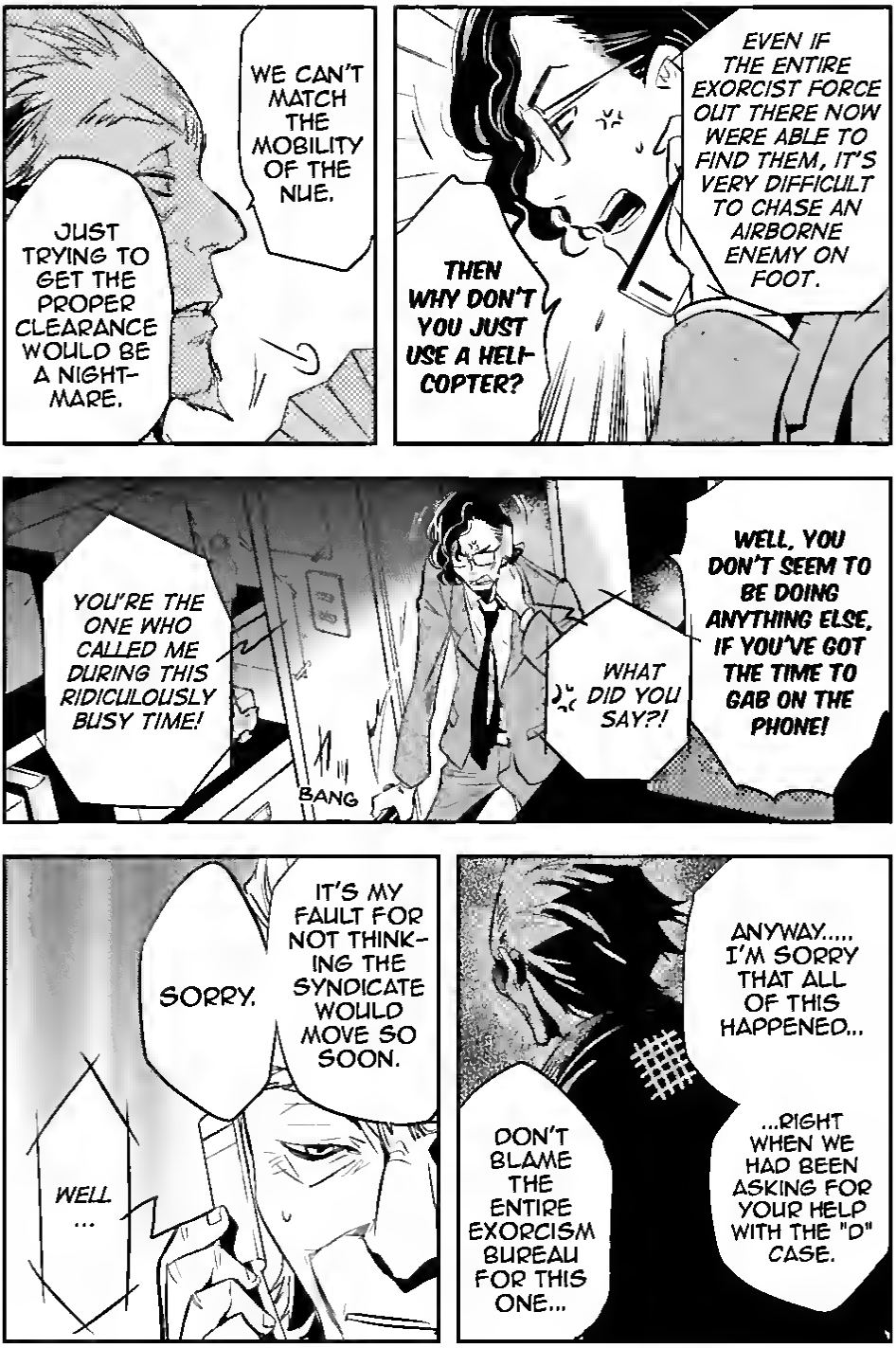
I'M NOT UNLUCKY.
Heh heh...
I'M...
SMILE
I'M PROBABLY THE LUCKIEST GUY EVER.
BA-DUMP
?
THERE YOU ARE, NATSUME!

NATSU-ME...
...PRINCIPAL KURAHASHI IS LOOKING FOR YOU.
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN TO TOJI?!

CAN YOU GO TO THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE IMMEDIATELY?

STAFF ROOM
JUST WHAT THE HECK IS GOING ON?!

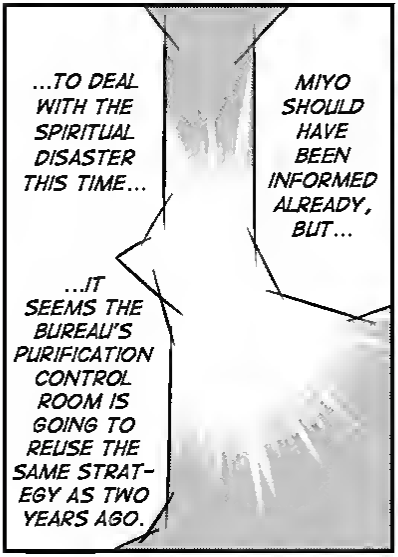
DON'T BE DENSE. KAGAMI IS AN EXORCIST, RIGHT?
IT'S ONLY NATURAL HE'D BE INVOLVED IN A PURIFICATION.
WHY IS THAT BRAT KAGAMI GETTING INVOLVED WITH THIS?!
DIDN'T YOU SEE THE NEWS?
THE CITY IS FILLED WITH CASUALTIES AND THOSE WITH SPIRITUAL INJURIES.
NOW LISTEN HERE, ONMYO PREP ISN'T THE ONLY ONE AFFECTED BY THIS DISASTER.
IT LOOKS LIKE THE ONES IN UENO AND SHINAGAWA WERE STOPPED...
...BUT THE OTHER TWO ARE STILL HIDING SOMEWHERE IN THE CITY.
TWO FROM THE DEMON GATES AND TWO FROM BACK DEMON GATES.
AND THE SPIRITUAL DISASTER ISN'T EVEN FINISHED YET.
THERE WERE FOUR CONFIRMED NUE.

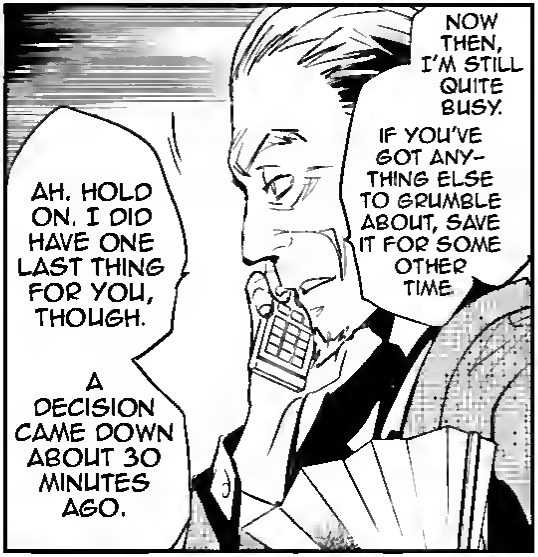

WE CAN'T MATCH THE MOBILITY OF THE NUE.
JUST TRYING TO GET THE PROPER CLEARANCE WOULD BE A NIGHT-MARE.
EVEN IF THE ENTIRE EXORCIST FORCE OUT THERE NOW WERE ABLE TO FIND THEM, IT'S VERY DIFFICULT TO CHASE AN AIRBORNE ENEMY ON FOOT.
THEN WHY DON'T YOU JUST USE A HELI-COPTER?
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO CALLED ME DURING THIS RIDICULOUSLY BUSY TIME!
BANG
WHAT DID YOU SAY?!
WELL, YOU DON'T SEEM TO BE DOING ANYTHING ELSE, IF YOU'VE GOT THE TIME TO GAB ON THE PHONE!
SORRY.
IT'S MY FAULT FOR NOT THINK-ING THE SYNDICATE WOULD MOVE SO SOON.
WELL ...
ANYWAY..... I'M SORRY THAT ALL OF THIS HAPPENED...
...RIGHT WHEN WE HAD BEEN ASKING FOR YOUR HELP WITH THE "D" CASE.
DON'T BLAME THE ENTIRE EXORCISM BUREAU FOR THIS ONE...

I WAS THE ONE WHO DECIDED TO GO DIGGING AROUND IN EXORCIST BUSINESS AGAIN.
SO I CAN'T REALLY BLAME YOU, BUT--
OH REALLY? GREAT.
WELL THEN, THAT'S THAT.
CACKLE
WAIT A SEC, YOU OLD GEEZER, WHAT'S WITH THAT ATTITUDE ?!
HERE I AM, SLAVING AWAY FOR FREE--
ARRRRGH!
FOR FREE?
Heh heh, That sounds just like Miyo.
ANY-WAY...
TEACHER'S LENDING FEE
WHAT?! THAT OLD HAG!!
THAT'S STRANGE. I GOT A BILL FOR SERVICES RENDERED FROM MIYO.
貧しいわ

YOU MEAN THAT CHIHIRO MUTOBE GUY THAT HIRATA WAS TALKING ABOUT?
WE'VE GOT NO PROOF YET, BUT IT SEEMS LIKELY HE WAS THE ONE BEHIND THE TROUBLE KAGAMI RAN INTO EARLIER.
WE'VE APPREHENDED A FEW MEMBERS OF THE TWIN HORN SYNDICATE AT THE SCENE...
...BUT WE STILL CAN'T FIND THE ALL IMPORTANT LEADER.

HE KNEW PLENTY ABOUT USING PURIFICATION RITUALS TO CONTROL SPIRIT PULSES, AS THE FORMER HEAD OF THE GHOST DIVISION.
THAT'S WHAT DAIRENJI DID LAST TIME.
HE MUST'VE BEEN ON SITE, CONTROL-LING THE SPIRIT PULSE.


...TO DEAL WITH THE SPIRITUAL DISASTER THIS TIME...
MIYO SHOULD HAVE BEEN INFORMED ALREADY, BUT...
...IT SEEMS THE BUREAU'S PURIFICATION CONTROL ROOM IS GOING TO REUSE THE SAME STRAT-EGY AS TWO YEARS AGO.


NOW THEN, I'M STILL QUITE BUSY.
IF YOU'VE GOT ANY-THING ELSE TO GRUMBLE ABOUT, SAVE IT FOR SOME OTHER TIME.
AH. HOLD ON. I DID HAVE ONE LAST THING FOR YOU, THOUGH.
A DECISION CAME DOWN ABOUT 30 MINUTES AGO.

TWO YEARS AGO, THE EXOR-CISM BUREAU ...
...USED "BAIT" TO LURE OUT A DYNAMIC SPIRITUAL DISASTER.
WHAT STRATEGY?
HOW DOES IT INVOLVE ONMYO PREP?

A...
...D-DRAGON?
Gasp
HIGH-QUALITY SPIRIT ENERGY THAT DYNAMIC SPIRITUAL DISASTERS LOVE.
A DRAGON.
...IN ORDER TO BORROW A DRAGON, THE EXORCISM BUREAU REQUESTED HELP...
TWO YEARS AGO...
WAIT A...
BUT THE ONE IN CONTROL OF THE DRAGON NOW IS...
THAT'S RIGHT.
NATSUME TSUCHI-MIKADO'S FATHER.
...FROM THE LEADER OF THE TSUCHI-MIKADO FAMILY.

IN ORDER TO USE THE TSUCHI-MIKADO DRAGON AGAIN
...THE EXORCISM BUREAU PLANS TO ASK FOR HELP...
...FROM THE SUCCESSOR TO THE TSUCHIMIKADO FAMILY ...
...NATSUME TSUCHIMIKADO.
YOU'LL FIND THAT THE CURRENT LEADER...
...NATSUME'S FATHER...
...HAS ALREADY GIVEN HIS PERMISSION.
END OF CHAPTER 21

Chapter 22
The Plan

WHAT?!
校長室
PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE
NATSUME IS STILL A STUDENT!
WHY IS HE BEING FORCED INTO HELPING WITH THE EXORCISM BUREAU'S PLAN?
BUT...
Eee...
AAH...!
NO ONE IS FORCING ANYONE.
NATSUME HAS THE RIGHT TO REFUSE IF HE WISHES.
AND, KYOKO...
PLEASE MIND YOUR MANNERS WITHIN THE SCHOOL.

MY FATHER ...
THE EXORCISM BUREAU DOESN'T SEEM TO UNDERSTAND ONMYO PREP'S SITUATION RIGHT NOW!
WITH ALL DUE RESPECT, THIS IS UNREASONABLE.
...IT'S SO SOON AFTER THAT ACCIDENT.
IF YOU LIKE, WHY DON'T YOU CONSULT WITH YOUR FATHER?
NO ...
THAT WON'T BE NECESSARY.
THAT'S WHAT THE EXORCISM BUREAU SAID.
MY FATHER ...
...GAVE HIS PERMISSION?
I WILL GO TO AID THE EXORCISM BUREAU.
NATSUME!
WHAT ?!

IF THE EXORCISM BUREAU KNEW THAT HOKUTO HAD BEEN HANDED OVER TO YOU...
...THEY SHOULD HAVE PREPARED AN ALTERNATE PLAN.
MY FATHER IS AT OUR ESTATE IN THE COUNTRY-SIDE. EVEN IF HE LEFT NOW, HE WOULDN'T MAKE IT IN TIME.
HOLD ON A SEC, NATSU-ME.
I THINK YOU SHOULD AT LEAST TALK TO YOUR FATHER.
IF YOU COULD HAVE YOUR FATHER CONTROL THE DRAGON FOR A LITTLE...
SO...
キュ... SQUEEZE
...THIS HAS BECOME A TSUCHI-MIKADO PROBLEM.
EVEN SO... SINCE MY FATHER HAS ACCEPTED ...
AS A MEMBER OF THE TSUCHIMIKADO FAMILY...
...IT'S MY DUTY TO TAKE RESPONSI-BILITY.
BUT...
KYOKO, TENMA.

THERE IS CERTAINLY A SPECIAL MEANING TO THE DECOY BEING NATSUME'S DRAGON.
I'M SORRY TO SAY, BUT IT'S LIKELY THAT HAVING NATSUME USE THE DRAGON HAS BEEN THE EXORCISM BUREAU'S PLAN FROM THE START.
IT'S PROBABLY BETTER IF YOU KNOW...
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, GRAND-MOTHER?!
WHAT...
THAT IS WHY IT MUST BE NATSUME.
IF NATSUME MAKES AN APPEARANCE, THERE IS NOTHING THEY CAN DO.
THIS SPIRITUAL DISASTER IS UNFOLDING JUST AS THE ONE TWO YEARS AGO DID.
AND IT IS EXTREMELY LIKELY THAT YAKO DEVOTEES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THESE TERRORIST ACTIONS.
MEANING ...

...HE'S BASICALLY BEING USED AS A HOSTAGE?
...OF COURSE HE IS.
BUT SINCE HE IS SO USEFUL IN THIS REGARD...
...IT'S FAIR TO SAY THAT THE EXORCISM BUREAU WILL DO EVERYTHING THEY CAN TO PROTECT NATSUME.
IN FACT, IT MIGHT EVEN BE THE SAFEST PLACE FOR HIM TO BE.
PRIN-CIPAL...
...I WILL JOIN IN THE PLAN.
PLEASE CONTACT THE EXORCISM BUREAU FOR ME.
NATSUME.

Gasp
OF COURSE ...
...YOU KNOW WHAT I'M THINKING, RIGHT?
IT'S THE DUTY OF A FAMILIAR...
...TO PROTECT ITS MASTER.
CLICK
Rrr...
YES.

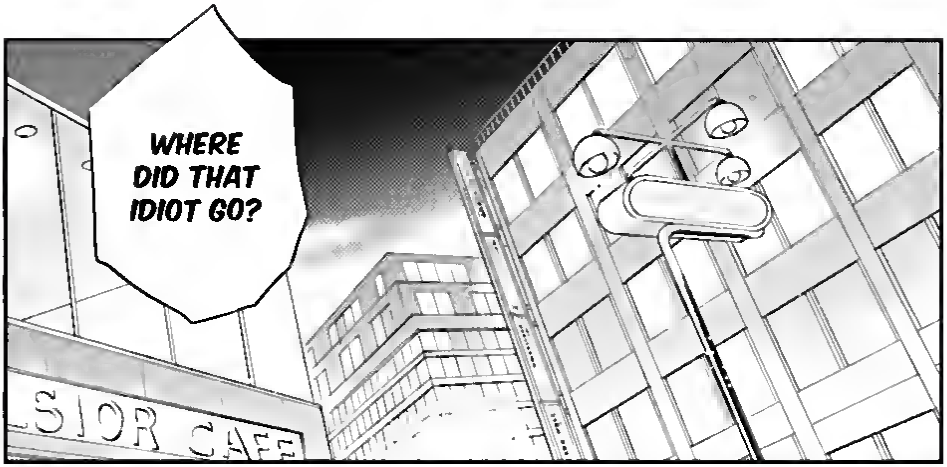
IT SEEMS LIKE TOJI REGAINED CONSCIOUS-NESS.
OH!
REALLY ?!
HOW-EVER...
CLANK
...
YES.
...I SEE.
IS THAT SO...
AS SOON AS THEY LET HIM OUT OF THEIR SIGHT, HE DISAPPEARED.
IT SEEMS LIKE HE LEFT HIS CELL PHONE AND VACATED THE SCHOOL GROUNDS ALONE.
THEY SAY HE SEEMED TO BE IN A BIT OF A HAZE... HONESTLY, THIS IS NOT GOOD.
IF HE HAS ALREADY BEGUN TRANS-FORMING...
WHAT?! WHY WOULD HE DO THAT?
I DO NOT KNOW.

ALL RIGHT THEN.
THE WILL-POWER HE'S USED TO KEEP THE OGRE UNDER CONTROL ALL THIS TIME MAY STILL BE WEAKENED.
WE MUST RECOVER HIM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
HARUTORA, TENMA.
HURRY UP AND SEARCH FOR TOJI.
NATSUME, I'LL BE GOING WITH YOU.
W-WAIT, KYOKO!
I'M NATSU-ME'S...
YOU'RE NATSUME'S FAMILIAR, RIGHT? AND YOU'RE TOJI'S FRIEND.

I SHOULDN'T HAVE TO SAY IT, BUT I CONSIDER TOJI AND NATSUME MY FRIENDS AS WELL.
THAT'S WHY WE NEED TO WORK TOGETHER.
AND TO PUT IT BLUNT-LY...
...I THINK I'LL BE MORE USEFUL GOING TO THE EXORCISM BUREAU.
I MEAN, I AM THE DAUGHTER...
SHINE
...OF THE ONMYO AGENCY HEAD AND EXORCISM BUREAU CHIEF.
NOD
BLANK
WHAT?
YOU DON'T MIND, RIGHT, PRINCI-PAL?

KYOKO...
OR WEREN'T YOU THE ONE WHO INSISTED "YOU CAN DEPEND ON US?"
HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN THAT DECLARATION YOU MADE TO NATSUME?
I HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF MY RESPONSIBILITIES...
DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME.
IT'S JUST AS KURAHASHI SAYS.
HARUTORA...
PAT
FLUSH
FLUSH
SO I'LL LEAVE...
...TOJI TO YOU.
GRIP...

IF WE MAKE IT OUT IN ONE PIECE...
...I'M HAVING TOJI BUY US ALL LUNCH.
I'M COUNTING ON YOU GUYS.
...ALL RIGHT.
BRUSH
HAA
HAA
HAA
HAA
TAP
TAP
TAP
TAP
TAP
DAMMIT!


WHERE DID THAT IDIOT GO?

DAMMIT!
SO LIKE...
HAHAHA HAHA
BESIDES, I NEED TO GET BACK TO NATSUME'S SIDE!!
BUT SHIBUYA IS TOO BIG TO SEARCH THOROUGHLY...!
KON, TENMA, AND EVEN THE DOCTORS WHO WERE TREATING HIM ARE HELPING US SEARCH.

STOP RIGHT THERE, YOU LITTLE BRAT!
WHERE THE HELL WERE YOU LOOKIN'!
OWW!
CRASH
E-EX-CUSE ME!
THUD

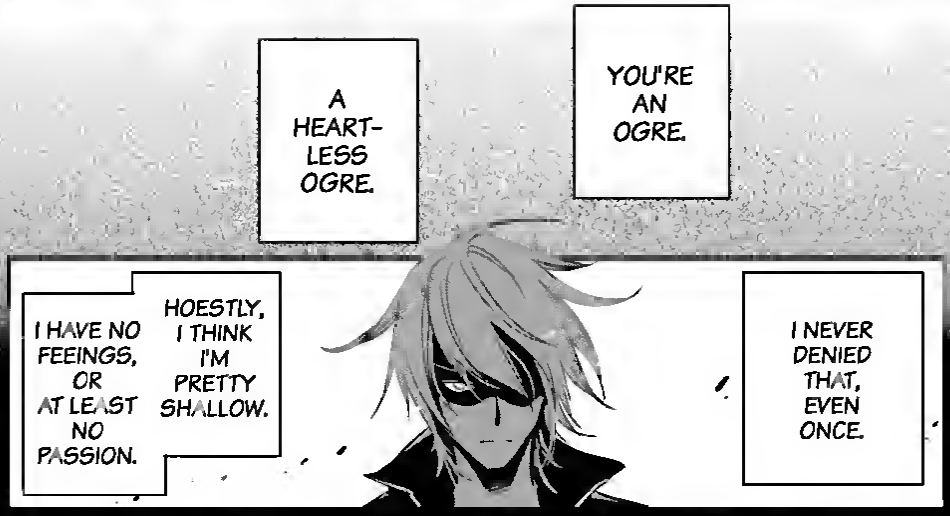
Why are you...
OH C'MON, GIVE ME A BREAK.
TOJI COULD TURN INTO AN OGRE AGAIN AT ANY MINUTE.
HEY, I'M REALLY SORRY...
...BUT I'M IN A BIT OF A RUSH...
LIKE I CARE!
I DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THIS!
WHAT'S WITH THAT LOOK ON YOUR FACE, ASSHOLE?!
GRAB
...LET ME GO.
WHAT'D YOU SAY?!
SLAP
I SAID LET ME GO, OLD MAN!
AH, FIGHTING ...
...IS NO GOOD.

FIGHTING IS NO GOOD AT ALL.
AND BORING FIGHTS ARE NO GOOD...
...FOR THE PARTI-CIPANTS, OR THE ONLOOKERS.
WHY DON'T WE JUST DROP IT HERE?
OR IF YOU'D LIKE, I CAN LEND A HAND.
LOOM
AT THE VERY LEAST...
...IT WON'T BE BOR-ING.
GRR!
SPIN
LET'S GO.

GASP
UH...
LOOKS LIKE THEY ARE DRUNK, BUT NOT STUPID...
SHUFFLE SHUFFLE
YOU'VE BEEN RUNNING AROUND FOR A WHILE NOW, RIGHT?
ARE YOU LOOKING FOR SOME-ONE?
HUH?
LOOK-ING FOR SOME-ONE?
THANKS A LOT FOR YOUR HELP.
BOW
I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU'RE LOOKING FOR, BUT...
...I SAW A GUY WEARING THE SAME UNIFORM AS YOU A LITTLE BIT AGO.
I REMEMBER BECAUSE HE DIDN'T LOOK SO GOOD.

TH-THANK YOU!
REALLY, THANK YOU SO MUCH!
THAT'S WHERE WE HAD OUR PRACTICAL EXAM...
BOW
NEAR THAT OFFICE BUILDING UP AHEAD.
R-REALLY?! WHERE?!
STEP
...?
OKAY!
IT'S FINE, BUT YOU BETTER HURRY UP AND GO.
FLAP
DASH
SPIN
...WHAT THE?

SHOOOO
...


A HEART-LESS OGRE.
YOU'RE AN OGRE.
I HAVE NO FEEINGS, OR AT LEAST NO PASSION.
HOESTLY, I THINK I'M PRETTY SHALLOW.
I NEVER DENIED THAT, EVEN ONCE.

BUT...
I WAS ALWAYS THINKING THAT.
"WHAT'S SOME TROUBLE I CAN GET INTO NOW?"
I JUST PLAY IT COOL AND LOOK FOR THE NEXT BIT OF EXCITE-MENT.

...I NEVER THOUGHT I'D BE ATTACKED BY A REAL OGRE.
THAT'S ONE THING I NEVER SAW COMING.
DASH
CHATTER
CHATTER
ONMYO AGENCY EXORCISM BUREAU MEGURO BRANCH
AH!!
CLICK
THIS WAY, PLEASE.
CHATTER
CHATTER

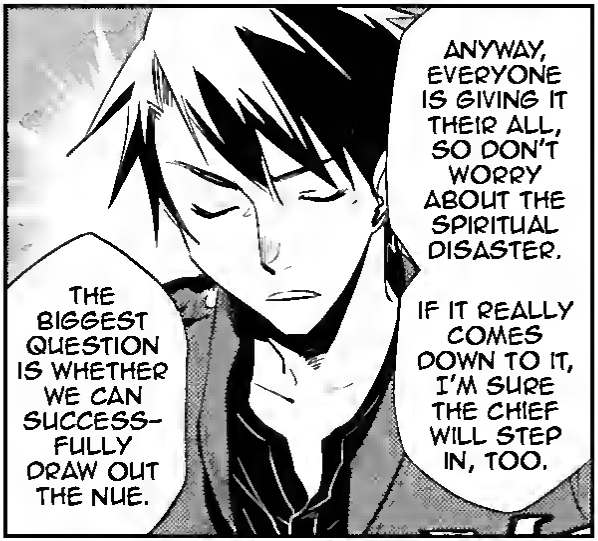
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO...
HEY THERE, DON'T WORRY.
NO NEED TO STAND ON CEREMONY HERE.
BUT YEAH.
I'M INDEPENDENT EXORCIST ZENJIRO KOGURE.
NICE TO MEET YOU, NATSUME TSUCHIMIKADO.
AND KYOKO KURAHASHI.
I'M ALWAYS GRATEFUL FOR DIRECTOR KURAHASHI'S HELP.
SMILE
RICE CRACKER
MANGA
SODA
O-- okay.
Have a seat.

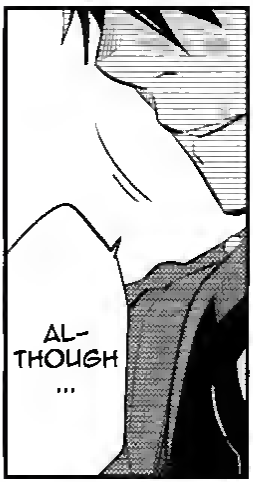
SNAP
SORRY FOR CALLING YOU OUT SO SUDDENLY.
SHAKE
SHAKE
CARE TO EAT?
SHUFFLE
CRUNCH
Ah hah hah hah
BUT, WELL, IT IS AN EMERGENCY SITUATION AFTER ALL.
CRUNCH
It doesn't look that way
...YEAH...
SIGH
GULP
WELL THEN...
DURING THIS OPERATION I DON'T PLAN ON LETTING ANYONE NEAR YOU.
SO DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT.
N-NO, IT'S FINE...
CRUNCH CRUNCH
AND I'M SORRY KAGAMI GAVE YOU TROUBLE BEFORE.
HE'S REALLY STRONG, BUT HE'S A BIT OF A TROUBLE-MAKER.

FOR THE MOST PART, YOU WILL BE MOVING WITH ME.
HONESTLY, IT'S A BIT OF A DANGEROUS MISSION.
WE'LL BE HAVING YOU GUYS PARTICIPATE IN OUR PLAN THIS TIME.
SO I'D LIKE YOU TO LISTEN CAREFULLY AND FOLLOW MY ORDERS.
ALL RIGHT?
HEH HEH
BASICALLY, I WILL BE IN CHARGE OF PROTECTING YOU GUYS.
YOU DON'T NEED TO WORRY. WE'LL BE RALLYING THE FULL FORCE OF THE EXORCISM BUREAU FOR THIS OPERATION.
Ha ha ha!
IF YOU STAY NEAR ME, THE TROOP'S OVERALL POWER..
THERE'S A PHASE 3 SPIRITUAL DISASTER TO BE PURIFIED OUT THERE!
A-ARE YOU SURE THAT'S OKAY?
ONE OF THE TWELVE DIVINE GENERALS IS GOING TO BE OUR BODYGUARD?
!

THIS SITUATION REALLY IS NO JOKE.
IF WE DON'T TAKE CARE OF THIS TONIGHT, WE'LL HAVE TO DECLARE A STATE OF EMERGENCY TOMORROW.
THAT'S ANOTHER PART OF THIS INCIDENT THAT IS EXACTLY THE SAME AS TWO YEARS AGO.

GULP
AH-- BUT IT'S NOTHING YOU HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT, NATSUME.
SINCE, IN THE END, IT'S THE ONMYO AGENCY THAT PUT THIS PLAN TOGETHER.


ANYWAY, EVERYONE IS GIVING IT THEIR ALL, SO DON'T WORRY ABOUT THE SPIRITUAL DISASTER.
IF IT REALLY COMES DOWN TO IT, I'M SURE THE CHIEF WILL STEP IN, TOO.
THE BIGGEST QUESTION IS WHETHER WE CAN SUCCESSFULLY DRAW OUT THE NUE.

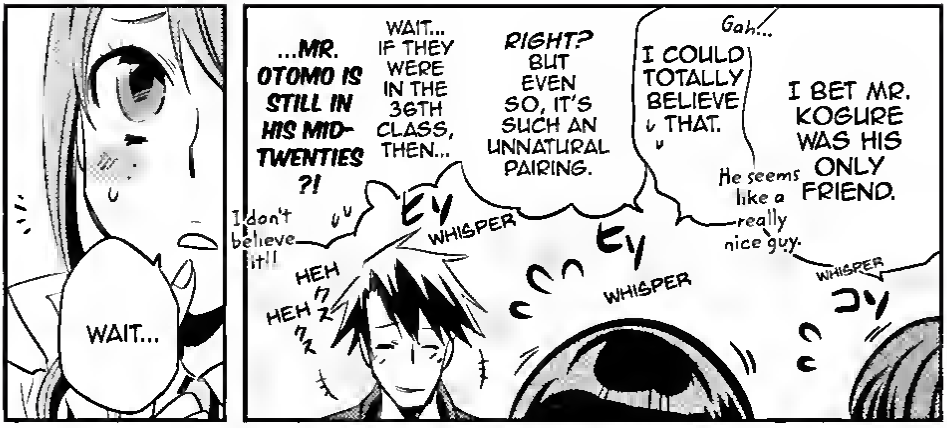

AL-THOUGH ...

PLEASE BE CAREFUL NOT TO LET YOUR GUARD DOWN.
...LIKE I SAID, THIS IS A DANGEROUS MISSION.
HOWEVER...

SHUDDER
...NATSUME.
THE KEY TO THIS ENTIRE OPERATION IS YOU...
...I DOUBT YOU'D EVEN REALLY HAVE THE TIME TO LET YOUR GUARD DOWN ON THE SCENE.
Yeah Yeah
I UNDERSTAND...
I'LL DO MY BEST.
THE BUREAU IS RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT HAPPENS ...
...BUT DON'T FORGET THAT FACT.
GRAB
THANKS ...
SURE YOU DON'T WANT ANY?
SHUFFLE

...I DON'T AGREE WITH THE IDEA OF...
...PULLING UNDER-AGE CIVILIANS INTO ALL THIS.
CRUNCH
CRUNCH
IF I MAY SPEAK HON-ESTLY...
YOU KNOW WHAT THEY SAY, "YOU CAN'T FIGHT ON AN EMPTY STOMACH."
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, I HAVEN'T EATEN ANYTHING SINCE LUNCH.
CRUNCH
CRUNCH
YOUR HOME-ROOM TEACHER IS JIN, RIGHT?
OH YEAH, BY THE WAY...
CRUNCH
CRUNCH
BUT I'LL DEFINITELY REPAY YOU FOR THIS, SO PLEASE LEND US A HAND THIS TIME.
EVEN IF YOU ARE A TSUCHI-MIKADO.
THE PLEASURE IS MINE.
HEH HEH HEH HEH
KNOW HIM? WE STARTED IN THE SAME YEAR.
D-DO YOU KNOW HIM?
YOU MEAN, MR. OTOMO ?!
CRUNCH
CRUNCH
えええええ!?
Whaaat?!
WHAT?
"JIN" ...?
IS HE TAKING TEACHING SERI-OUSLY?
HOW IS HE?
CRUNCH
CRUNCH

IS IT REALLY THAT STRANGE?
THERE ARE A TON OF ONMYO PREP GRADS IN THE ONMYO AGENCY, YOU KNOW.
WHAT?! O-ONMYO PREP?!
AH, I S-SEE... YOU ENTERED THE AGENCY AT THE SAME TIME.
AH, WELL THAT'S TRUE TOO, BUT WE WERE IN THE SAME CLASS AT ONMYO PREP BEFORE THAT.
THEY USED TO CALL US THE THREE CROWS OF THE 36TH.
You see...
WE WERE IN CLASS NUMBER 36.
What a shock!
BY THE WAY, WHAT CLASS ARE YOU GUYS?
WE'RE... CLASS NUMBER 47.
WHA... MAN, THERE'S ALREADY THAT MANY?
WHISPER
MR. OTOMO IS FRIENDS WITH MR. KOGURE...?
I THINK WE WERE A BIG PAIN IN THE NECK TO PRINCIPAL KURAHASHI.
AH HAH
BUT I GUESS THAT NAME REALLY WASN'T A COMPLIMENT, WAS IT?
HAH HAH

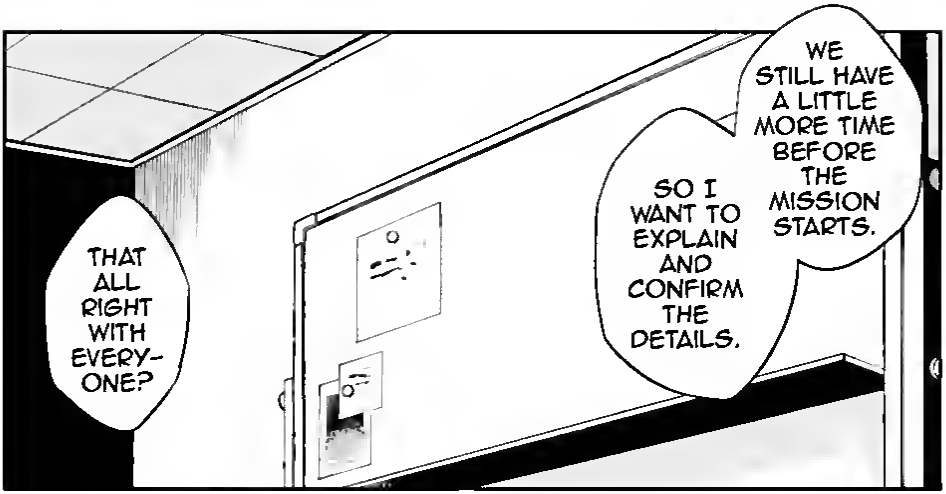

WAIT...
...MR. OTOMO IS STILL IN HIS MID-TWENTIES?!
WAIT... IF THEY WERE IN THE 36TH CLASS, THEN...
RIGHT? BUT EVEN SO, IT'S SUCH AN UNNATURAL PAIRING.
Gah...
I COULD TOTALLY BELIEVE THAT.
I BET MR. KOGURE WAS HIS ONLY FRIEND.
He seems like a really nice guy.
I don't believe it!!
HEH HEH
WHISPER
WHISPER
WHISPER

AH!
TWITCH
IF YOU WERE THE THREE CROWS, WASN'T THERE ONE MORE OF YOU?
WAS THAT THIRD FRIEND A--

CLICK
KNOCK
CLANG
Ah
ALLOW ME TO INTRO-DUCE...
SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING, OFFICER KOGURE.
EXCUSE ME.
IT'S NOTHING REALLY WORTH TALKING ABOUT.
OH WELL... YOU KNOW...
?
Erm... umm...

ATSUNE HIRATA FROM THE MAGICAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION.
HE'LL BE HELPING OUT TODAY, TOO.
THE REASON BEING... WELL, I GUESS IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING, EH?
FLINCH
AND IT IS EXTREMELY LIKELY THAT YAKO DEVOTEES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THESE TERRORIST ACTIONS.
!
IT'S A PLEASURE TO MEET YOU, NATSUME TSUCHIMIKADO.
I'M MAGIC INVESTIGATOR HIRATA.
BOW
I APOLOGIZE FOR THE HORRIBLE INCONVENIENCE CAUSED BY MY COWORKER LAST YEAR.
PLEASE ALLOW ME TO APOLOGIZE ON BEHALF OF THE MAGICAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION.
WHA...

I KNOW IT MUST BE DIFFICULT TO TRUST US IMMEDIATELY...
...BUT PLEASE UNDERSTAND THAT WE ARE ALL WORKING TOGETHER HERE...
...TO HELP TAKE CARE OF THIS PROBLEM WE FIND OURSELVES IN.
I...
...AM ON YOUR SIDE.
HMPH
I BELIEVE IN DOING THINGS RIGHT.
OH... NO, IT'S FINE.
I... I SEE.
COME ON NOW, HIRATA
I THINK YOU'RE GOING OVERBOARD WITH THE POLITENESS THERE.
YOU'RE PROBABLY JUST EMBARRASSING NATSUME MORE.
Aw geez...
ANYWAY, TAKE A SEAT.


WE STILL HAVE A LITTLE MORE TIME BEFORE THE MISSION STARTS.
SO I WANT TO EXPLAIN AND CONFIRM THE DETAILS.
THAT ALL RIGHT WITH EVERY-ONE?

IF I WERE TO BECOME A REAL OGRE RIGHT NOW...
THAT'S RIGHT.
...I WONDER WHAT KIND OF HAVOC I COULD WREAK.
EVERYTHING I NEVER REALLY WANTED TO HAPPEN CAME TO PASS.
SURE, THAT'S WHAT I USED TO THINK. BUT THEN THIS HAPPENED..

I DIDN'T CARE ABOUT WHAT WOULD HAPPEN LATER ON.
I'D LIVED MY WHOLE LIFE UP TILL THEN NOT CARING ABOUT TOMOR-ROW.
SO I FIGURED I MIGHT AS WELL JUST BECOME AN OGRE.
AND THAT'S WHEN HE CAME...
TAGGING ALONG AFTER HIS FATHER, MY HEAD DOCTOR...
TOJI !!
KEEP OUT
KEEP OUT
KEEP OUT
KEEP OUT
KEEP OUT

HAA...
HAA...
THAT'S WHEN THIS GUY...
...SHOWED UP.
.....
...YOU, HUH?

WHOOSH
HAA
HAA
HAA...
Hmph
YOU ALREADY KNOW.
WHAT DO YOU WANT?
KEEP OUT
SO COME ON.
LET'S GO HOME, TOJI.

End of Chapter 22

CHAPTER 23
OGRE
TRANS-
FORMATION

DON'T BE RIDICU-LOUS...
WOOOSSSSH
WHY WOULD I DO THAT?
EVEN THE PRINCIPAL HERSELF TRIED TO WARN ME.
BUT TAKE OFF THE CHAINS BINDING ME, AND THIS IS WHAT YOU GET.
I CAN'T HELP...
...BUT LAUGH.

I DON'T... FEEL THE OGRE SPIRIT.
BUT... I SMELL IT.
THE SMELL OF AN OGRE.
WOOOOSH
...TOJI.
THAT'S NOT LIKE YOU...
DO YOU REMEMBER WHAT MY DAD SAID?
OGRES LIVE OFF PEOPLE'S DARK PASSIONS.
BUT YOU...
"I DON'T HAVE ANY PASSIONS, SO THERE IS NOTHING FOR IT TO LIVE OFF."
THAT'S WHAT YOU SAID, RIGHT?
IT REALLY IS FUNNY WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT IT.

...EVEN NOW, MY REAL FEELINGS HAVEN'T CHANGED.
THE FACT THAT YOU ENDED UP BEING SAVED...
...BECAUSE YOU THOUGHT YOU WERE AS HEARTLESS AS AN OGRE.
KEEP OU
COME ON, WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, TOJI?
HAS THE OGRE EATEN YOUR BRAIN?
I JUST FEEL THAT...
...IT WOULDN'T MATTER IF I DID.
WOOOOOSH
IT'S NOT LIKE I WANT TO BECOME AN OGRE...
I DON'T KNOW AND FRANKLY, I DON'T CARE.
ARE THESE MY THOUGHTS, OR THE THOUGHTS OF THE OGRE?
WHO KNOWS.

HA, YOUR "TRUE NATURE."
ALL YOU DID WAS JUMP ONE STEP AHEAD OF ME...
...SO DON'T GET SO FULL OF YOURSELF.
I CAN'T CHANGE THAT.
IT'S PART OF MY TRUE NATURE.

SORRY, BUT I'M DIFFERENT THAN YOU.
IT'S JUST THE TRUTH, HARUTORA.

REALLY? DIDN'T SOME OLD, IMPORTANT PERSON ONCE SAY ...
"DON'T THINK, FEEL."
IT'S STILL BETTER THAN AN IDIOT WHO CAN'T THINK OF ANYTHING, RIGHT?

YOU ALWAYS GET HUNG UP ON SUCH STUPID STUFF, TOJI.
THERE IT IS.
THE STEREO-TYPICAL BRAT WHO WON'T ADMIT HE'S A BRAT.

A LOT OF CRAP IS GOING ON.
WE DON'T HAVE TIME TO BABY YOU RIGHT NOW.
DON'T TALK TO THE OGRE, CALL OUT TO TOJI.
JUST LIKE DAD TAUGHT ME.
NOW LET'S JUST GO HOME ALREADY, TOJI.
I'VE GOT TO DRAW HIM BACK TO OUR SIDE!
SUPPOSE THAT'S WHY I'M UNLUCKY.
Ha ha ha!
NOW, I CAN'T DO THAT.
THEN JUST LEAVE ME ALONE.
KEEP OU
KEEP O
...IF I GO BACK?
WHAT HAPPENS ...
WILL THEY JUST STRENGTHEN THE SEAL AGAIN AND TRY TO IGNORE THE OGRE INSIDE OF ME...

THEN... ARE YOU SAYING I CAN GET BETTER OVER TIME?
HOW CAN YOU GUARATEE THAT?
THINGS DON'T GET BETTER ALL AT ONCE.
AND WHAT GOOD DOES ASKING DUMB QUESTIONS LIKE THAT DO?
WHAT GOOD WILL THAT DO?
DO YOU KNOW WHAT THAT'S LIKE?
I WILL LIVE THE REST OF MY LIFE HOLDING ON TO THIS BOMB.
TOJI...
DO YOU...
...HARU-TORA?

TO KEEP THE OGRE IN CHECK IN THE FUTURE.
AND TO SOMEDAY COMPLETELY GET RID OF THAT OGRE.
...THAT'S WHY YOU TRANS-FERRED INTO ONMYO PREP.
YOU'RE AIMING TO BE AN ON-MYOJI, RIGHT?
SMIRK
SOME-DAY?
YEAH. "SOMEDAY" IT'LL HAPPEN. FOR SURE.
NOW THAT IS SOMETHING A STUPID BRAT WOULD SAY.
TWITCH
"SOMEDAY" IT'LL BE ALL BETTER!

WOOOSH
HOW DO YOU KNOW...
...THAT I WON'T LOSE IT BEFORE THAT "SOMEDAY" EVER COMES?
!!
IF THAT'S HOW THINGS ARE GONNA END UP ANYWAY, THEN LET'S DO THIS THE SMART WAY.
RIGHT, HARUTORA?

I'LL JUST BECOME A FULL OGRE, AND YOU CAN EXORCISE ME.
BZZT BZZT ...
BZZT BZZT ...
THAT'LL BE QUICKEST AND EASIEST FOR EVERYONE!
WOOOOOSH

TOJI!!
BAM
?!
NOW LISTEN UP!
GET YOUR HEAD OUT OF YOUR ASS!

MY DAD'S HARD WORK...
...THE STRUGGLES OF ME AND HOKUTO...
YOUR LIFE NO LONGER BELONGS ONLY TO YOU.
...NATSUME, KYOKO, TENMA...
...YOU OWE YOUR LIFE TO ALL OF THESE PEOPLE WHO CARE ABOUT YOU!
DON'T YOU ACT LIKE IT'S NO BIG DEAL...
... AND DON'T GO OFF MAKING THESE SELFISH DECISIONS ON YOUR OWN!

HA!
DON'T YOU DARE TRY TO PUSH ME AROUND.
OR MAYBE...
...ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT HAVING A GO AT ME
WITH THE WAY I AM NOW?
ONE HIT AND I'LL SPLIT YOUR HEAD OPEN.
BZZT BZZT ...
I'M STARTING TO THINK THAT'S NOT SUCH A BAD IDEA...

?!
WOOSH!
SWOOSH
WOOSH!
WOOSH!
WOOSH!
ARE YOU STUPID?
IS THAT A CRIME?!

BAM
TSK!
HARU-TORA!
VOOM

SNAP
...NNG!
!!
SMACK

GRAB
SLAM
WHAT'S WRONG, TOJI?
HIT ME!
TRY AND THROW ME OFF!
YOU CAN'T, RIGHT?
YOU'RE GONNA SPLIT MY HEAD OPEN, RIGHT?
HECK, YOU MIGHT EVEN JUST KILL ME BY ACCIDENT BY FLAILING ABOUT LIKE THAT!

GRR...!!
NO ONE KEEPS UP AN ACT FOR THREE WHOLE YEARS!
I KNOW THAT YOU CAN'T KILL ME!
THAT'S PART OF THE SECOND-CLASS MAGIC THE PRINCIPAL WAS TALKING ABOUT
THE CURSE I PUT ON YOU-- NO...
THE CURSE YOU PUT ON YOURSELF.
AFTER ALL, YOU'RE THE DAMN TYPE...
...TO PUT YOUR FRIENDS BEFORE ANYTHING ELSE IN THE WORLD.

UNTIL THAT CURSE IS LIFTED, YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO FIGHT WITH THAT OGRE!
THAT'S NOT A CURSE THAT SOME STUPID OGRE CAN BREAK THROUGH!
JUST MAN UP AND ACCEPT IT ALREADY!!
...!!

HAH...
BZZT...
SLIDE
NOW STOP MAKING ME WORK TOO HARD.
SMILE
SMACK

Haaaa
UGH...
SLUMP
THROB
THROB
...GEEZ...
ow ow ow

AREN'T WE GETTING A BIT OLD FOR THIS KIND OF STUFF?
STUPID-TOJI.
Whaaat?
YOU'RE GOING TO GO JOIN UP WITH NATSUME AND THE OTHERS?!
YEAH.
TENMA, WOULD YOU CALL THE SCHOOL AND HAVE THEM TAKE TOJI FOR ME?
CALLED TENMA ON THE PHONE

I LOOKED UP THE MAP ON MY PHONE.
I CAN GET THERE EASILY ON FOOT.
THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO ATTACK THE ENEMY FROM THE OUTER GROUNDS AT THE MEIJI SHRINE.
I ASKED WHEN I MESSAGED THEM ABOUT CATCHING UP TO TOJI.
B-BUT WE DON'T EVEN KNOW WHERE THEY ARE.
S-SURE... BUT ARE YOU REALLY GOING BY YOUR-SELF?
I DON'T THINK THE ONES I HAVE ON ME WILL BE ENOUGH.
Alright.
BY THE WAY, SORRY, BUT IF YOU'VE GOT ANY CHARMS ON YOU, CAN YOU LEND THEM TO ME?
SORRY...
...BUT PLEASE TAKE CARE OF TOJI, OKAY?
YEAH, SEEMS LIKE THINGS ARE GOING TO GET PRETTY ROUGH.

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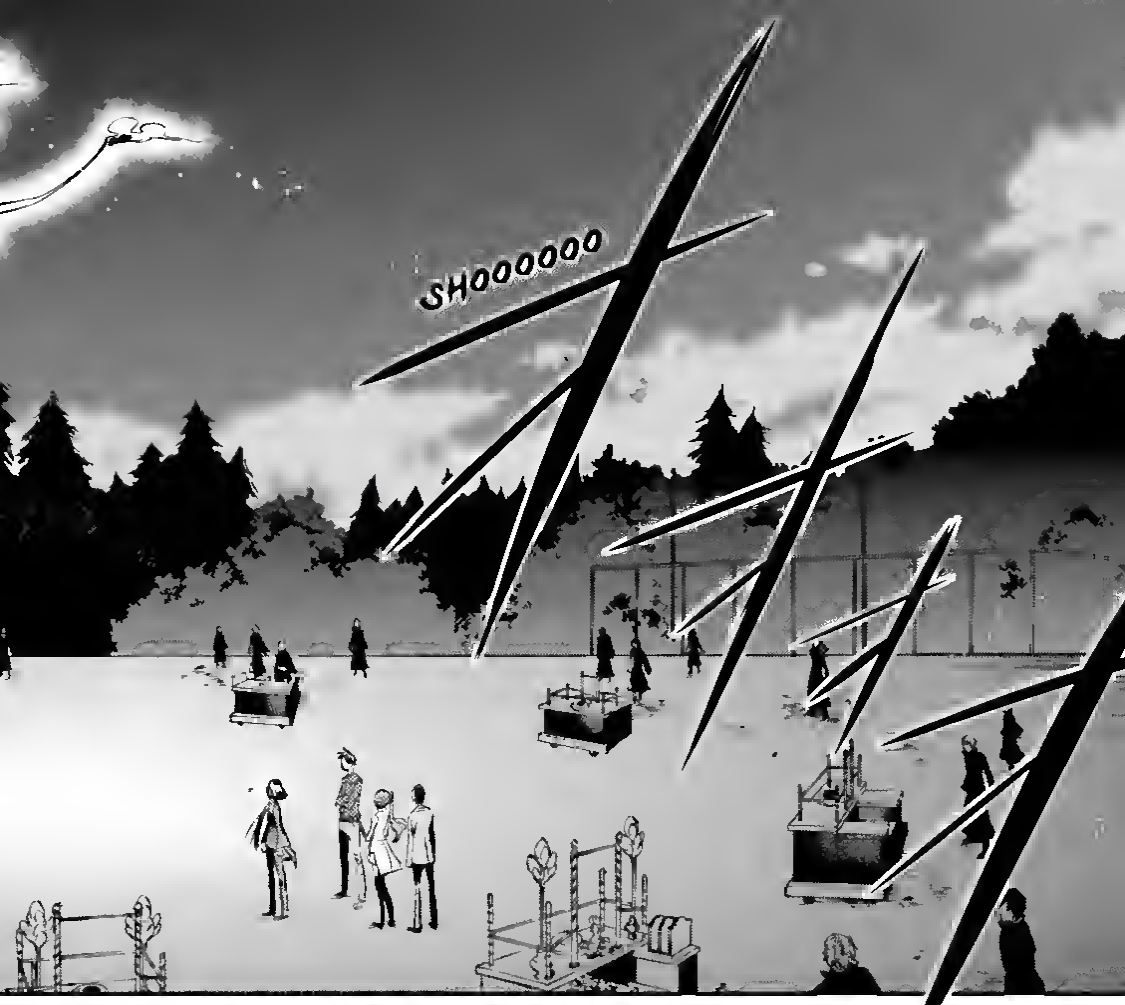
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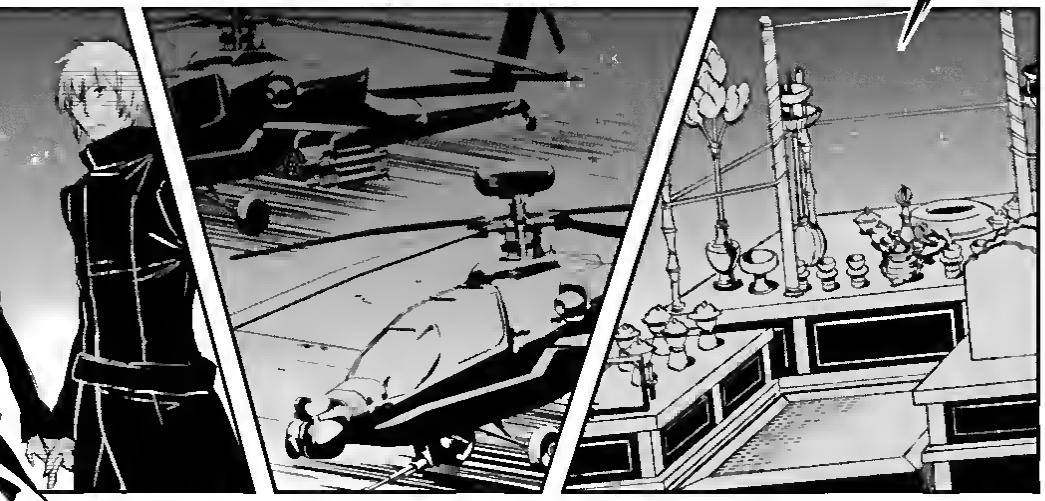

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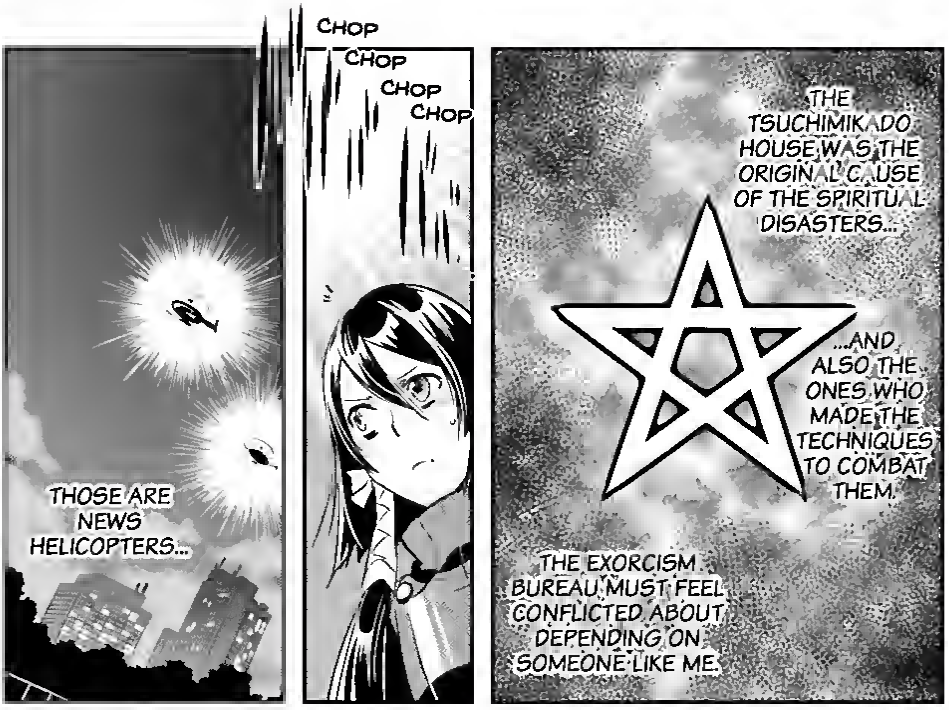
DON'T PUSH YOURSELF TOO HARD, NATSUME.
HONESTLY, IF WE LOSE YOU, WE'VE GOT NOTHING.
NO, HOKUTO, TURN AROUND NOW.
そわ HEH
あっち おもしろそう… ♥
That looks fun...
そわ HEH
PEEK
にっ
YES, SIR.
NOT IN FRONT OF HIM.
ON TOP OF THAT.
I KNOW HE'S WATCHING FROM THE TENT. I DON'T WANT TO LOSE MY COOL...


CHOP
CHOP
CHOP
CHOP
THOSE ARE NEWS HELICOPTERS...
THE TSUCHIMIKADO HOUSE WAS THE ORIGINAL CAUSE OF THE SPIRITUAL DISASTERS...
...AND ALSO THE ONES WHO MADE THE TECHNIQUES TO COMBAT THEM.
THE EXORCISM BUREAU MUST FEEL CONFLICTED ABOUT DEPENDING ON SOMEONE LIKE ME.

BUT...
CLENCH
...WHAT I HAVE TO DO.
THERE IS NO CHANGING...

DYNAMIC SPIRITUAL DISASTER DETECTED!
HEH HEH
Hmph!
INCOMING, FROM THE NORTHEAST! IT'S COMING FROM THE DEMON.
!
What?!
THERE YOU ARE...

SHOOOOOOO
IT'S COMING!
TARGET CONFIRMED!
CHIMERA TYPE.

BZZT...
PREPARE TO INTERCEPT!
APPROXIMATELY TWO MINUTES UNTIL CONTACT!
?!
BZZZZZZZZT
NATSUME, THIS IS THE REAL DEAL.
DIRECT YOUR DRAGON ACCORDING TO...
BZZT
A S-SECOND DYNAMIC SPIRITUAL DISASTER IS BEING DETECTED!
SOUTHWEST-- IT'S COMING FROM THE BACK DEMON GATE!

WA'AH
あわわ
MR. KOGURE ?!
WAAAH
CHATTER
WHAT ?!
HEH, YOUR DRAGON SEEMS LIKE QUITE THE CATCH, EH?
AND THAT MAKES MY JOB EASIER.
HEH
APPROXIMATELY SIX MINUTES BEFORE CONTACT WITH THE DYNAMIC SPIRITUAL DISASTER COMING FROM THE SOUTHWEST.
WE ARE NOW CHANGING OUR OPERATION TO "PLAN C"!
FROM NOW ON, THE TWO DYNAMIC SPIRITUAL DISASTERS WILL BE REFERRED TO AS "CHIMERA 01" AND "CHIMERA 02."

ALL RIGHT, WE'RE GOING TO BACK UP A LITTLE.
HIRATA, YOU GUYS COME ALONG, TOO.
W-WHAT ABOUT HOKUTO?
I REPEAT, "PLAN C"!
PLAN C?
BASICALLY, IT JUST MEANS WE'RE GOING TO PURIFY THEM BOTH AT THE SAME TIME.
AH, WELL, IT WILL MAKE THE BARRIER TIMING A LITTLE TOUGHER.
HAVE HIM WAIT IN THE SKY UNTIL CHIMERA 02 GETS HERE.
BUT DON'T LET HIM GET NEAR 01.
HE COULD GET CAUGHT UP IN THE PURIFICA-TION.
UNDER-STOOD!
DASH
DASH
DASH
!
...
BZZT...
MAGIC ENERGY IS STARTING TO MIX WITH THE WIND...

WOOSH!
THE INDEPENDENT EXORCISTS ....!
TUMP
CLANG
TUMP
TUMP
THE PINNACLE OF MODERN ONMYOJI...
THINGS ARE PROGRESSING FASTER THAN EXPECTED ...
SEEMS LIKE SOMEONE HAS DEFINITELY HAD A HAND IN THESE DISASTERS ...
CLICK
LIGHTS!
ROAAAR
AAAAAAH!!
WHAT?
?!

It's huge!!
でかっ!?
W-WHAT'S THAT?!
ISN'T THAT JUST A REAL MONSTER?!
...!!
YEAH, IT MAY MOVE TO PHASE 4 AT ANY MOMENT.
THIS IS NOT GOOD...
PHASE 4?!
SHUDDER
BUT...
...THIS MIGHT WORK OUT FOR THE BETTER.
WOOOOSH

WOOOOSH

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PHASE 4?!
SHUDDER
BUT...
...THIS MIGHT WORK OUT FOR THE BETTER.

BOOM
BOOM
HEH
IT LOOKS LIKE WE MADE IT IN TIME.
BOOM
BOOM
...!!
END OF CHAPTER 23

CHAPTER 24
PURIFICATION

WOOSH!
NAMAH SARVA.
TATHAA GATEBHYAH SARVA...
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
MUKHE BHYAH, SARVA THAA.
TRAT CANDA MAHAARO SANA.
THAT'S THE KAKAISHU...!

SCREECH!
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
!!
LOOK OUT! THE MIASMA ...!

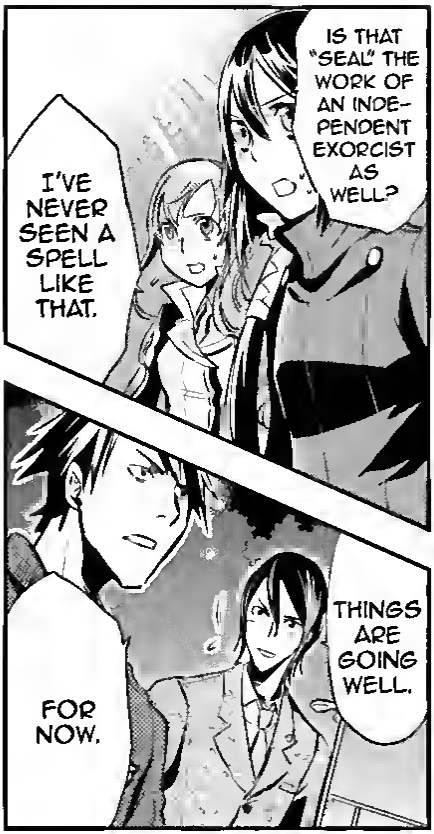
CRACKLE
UN
ROAR
SQUIRT
!
BZZT
BZZT
...
ROAR

!!
AH...
CLICK
KOOM
HOKUTO, GET BACK!
AH!
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
KABOOM

ROAAAAR
Hmm?
SCREECH!
GLIDE
Y-YOU IDIOT! RUN!
Hey!
You wanna have a go?
Bring it on!
Aaah!
CLICK
WOOSH

BANG
?!
WOBBLE
SCREEEEEEE
ROLL
ROLL
ROLL
EEEEEECH

CRAAASH!
THAT'S MR. MIYACHI FOR YA.
THIS... THIS IS...
SCREECH!
THE INDEPENDENT EXORCISM BUREAU'S...!


IS THAT "SEAL" THE WORK OF AN INDE-PENDENT EXORCIST AS WELL?
I'VE NEVER SEEN A SPELL LIKE THAT.
THINGS ARE GOING WELL.
FOR NOW.

BYOON
SHAKE
SCREECH
SHAKE

Gasp
AH!!
"CHIMERA 02" SIGHTED!

JINGU STADIUM
WOOOOSH
THAT'S HIM...
NATSU-ME!
I'M ON IT!
HOKUTO, LURE HIM IN!
Ha, so it's you...
SNIFF
SNIFF
JINGU STADIUM

BAM
SCREEEEEEECH
JINGU STADIUM
SCREECH
ZOOM
BARRIER READY!
ZOOM
OPEN!

!!
A SPIRIT PULSE ...?!
RATTLE
BOOOM
RUMBLE
RUMBLE

RUMBLE
RUMBLE

!!
BOOOM
A SPIRIT PULSE ...?!
RATTLE

THRASH
SCREEEEEECH
THRASH
SWOOSH
FWISH
AH! THE BARRIER!
O2 IS STILL FREE.

BUZZZ
DAMMIT, IT'S THE TWIN HORN SYNDI-CATE!
NO!!
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
WHERE THE HELL ARE THEY?!
NA... NAMAH SARVA.
SCREECH
TATHAA GATEBHYAH.
DASH

SARV--
BOOM
SCREECH
VOOOOM
WOOSH
CH-CHAIN OF SPIRITUAL DISASTERS CONFIRMED ...!
"CHIMERA 01" HAS MOVED TO PHASE 4!
.....!!

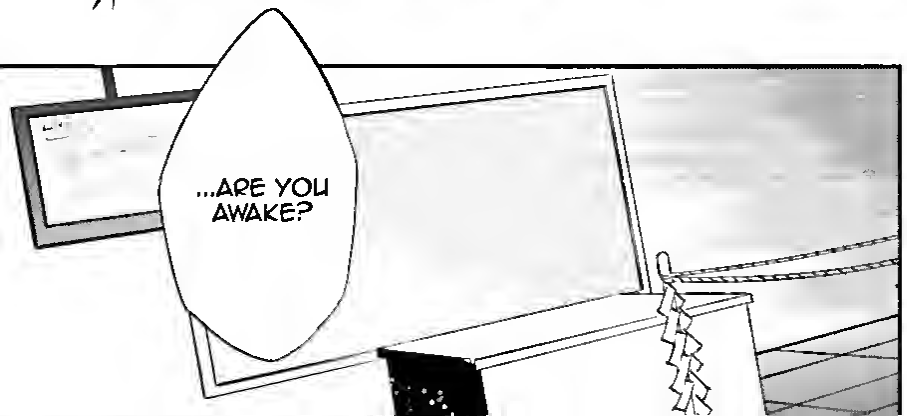
VROOM
COME!
I KNOW!
KOSUKE!!
HOP
HIRATA, SEARCH FOR THE CULPRIT!
BROOM
BROOM
The bike moved on its own?!
?!
SCREECH
GRR
DASH
NATSUME!
SORRY, BUT I'M GOING TO LEAVE YOU FOR A BIT.
YES, SIR!

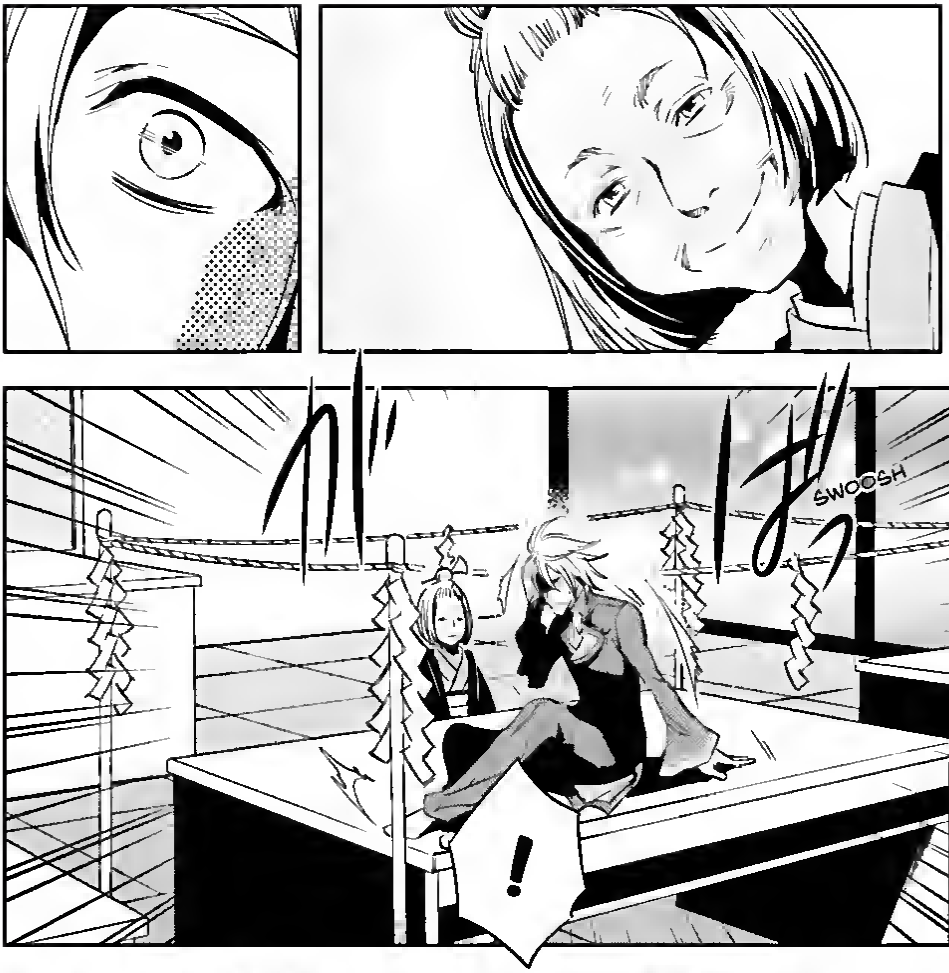
STAY NEAR THE EXORCISM BUREAU WITH KYOKO AND STAY SAFE. THESE GUYS WILL PURIFY 01 EVEN IF HE DOES GO PHASE 4.
SO...
SWOOSH
?!
HEY!!

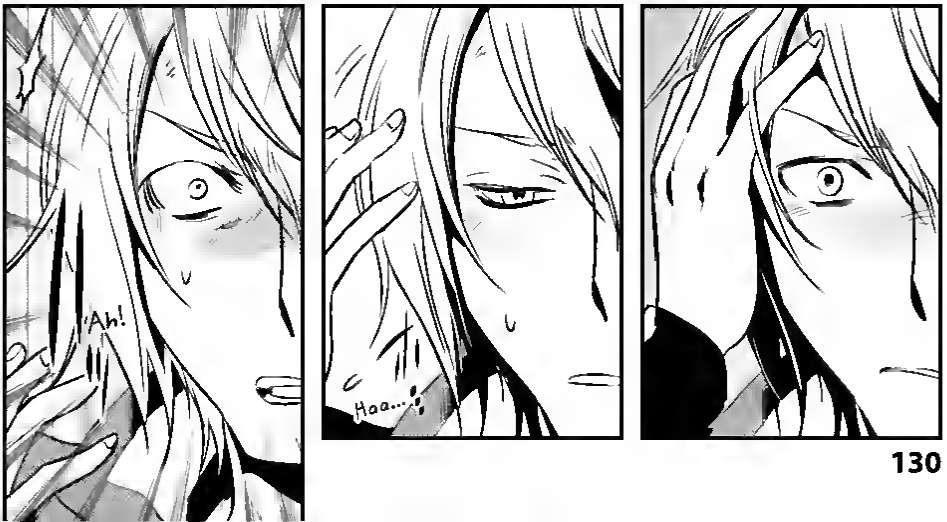
YOU NEED HOKUTO TO LURE OUT THE NUE.
I'M GOING WITH YOU!
...!
N-NA-TSUME ?!

HEH
FINE.
OKAY!
BUT NOT A WORD TO JIN.
KURA-HASHI...
NA-TSUME?!
NA-NA-NA...
wibble
BROOOM...

VROOM
...I'LL BE RIGHT BACK!
WOOOOOSH


...ARE YOU AWAKE?


SWOOSH
!


Ah!
Haa...!

LIVE
HARU-TORA?!
WHERE IS...
LIVE
Shibuya Ward
...YOU'RE KIDDING, RIGHT?
ACTUALLY, HE'S NOT THE ONLY ONE.
NATSUME AND KYOKO ARE THERE, TOO.
THAT'S RIGHT.
YOU CAN'T MEAN THAT HARUTORA IS THERE?

THAT IDIOT...!
HE REALLY IS A TROUBLE-SOME BOY.
TENMA FILLED US ALL IN.
IT SEEMS AFTER HARUTORA BROUGHT YOU TO YOUR SENSES ...
...HE RUSHED THERE IMMEDI-ATELY.
TOJI...
THERE IS SOMETHING I MUST REPORT TO YOU.
?!
I DID IT AFTER THE EXAM, WHEN YOU WERE BEING BROUGHT BACK TO THE DORMI-TORIES.
I STRENGTH-ENED THE CORE OF IT, BUT TORE AWAY ALL THE OTHER PARTS.
...I LOOS-ENED YOUR SEAL.
THE TRUTH IS...
RE... REPORT ?

YOUR NEAR-TRANS-FORMATION INTO AN OGRE THIS EVENING..
...WAS LIKELY DUE TO THIS MEDDLING.
WHY...
I CONTACTED HARUTORA'S FATHER IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE EXAM...
...AND REPORTED YOUR CONDITION HONESTLY.
YOU... YOU CALLED THE DOC?
THAT'S RIGHT.
THIS IS WHAT HE SAID:
"IF MY SON IS UP TO HANDLING IT..."
"...I'D LIKE TO TAKE HIS TREATMENT TO THE NEXT LEVEL."

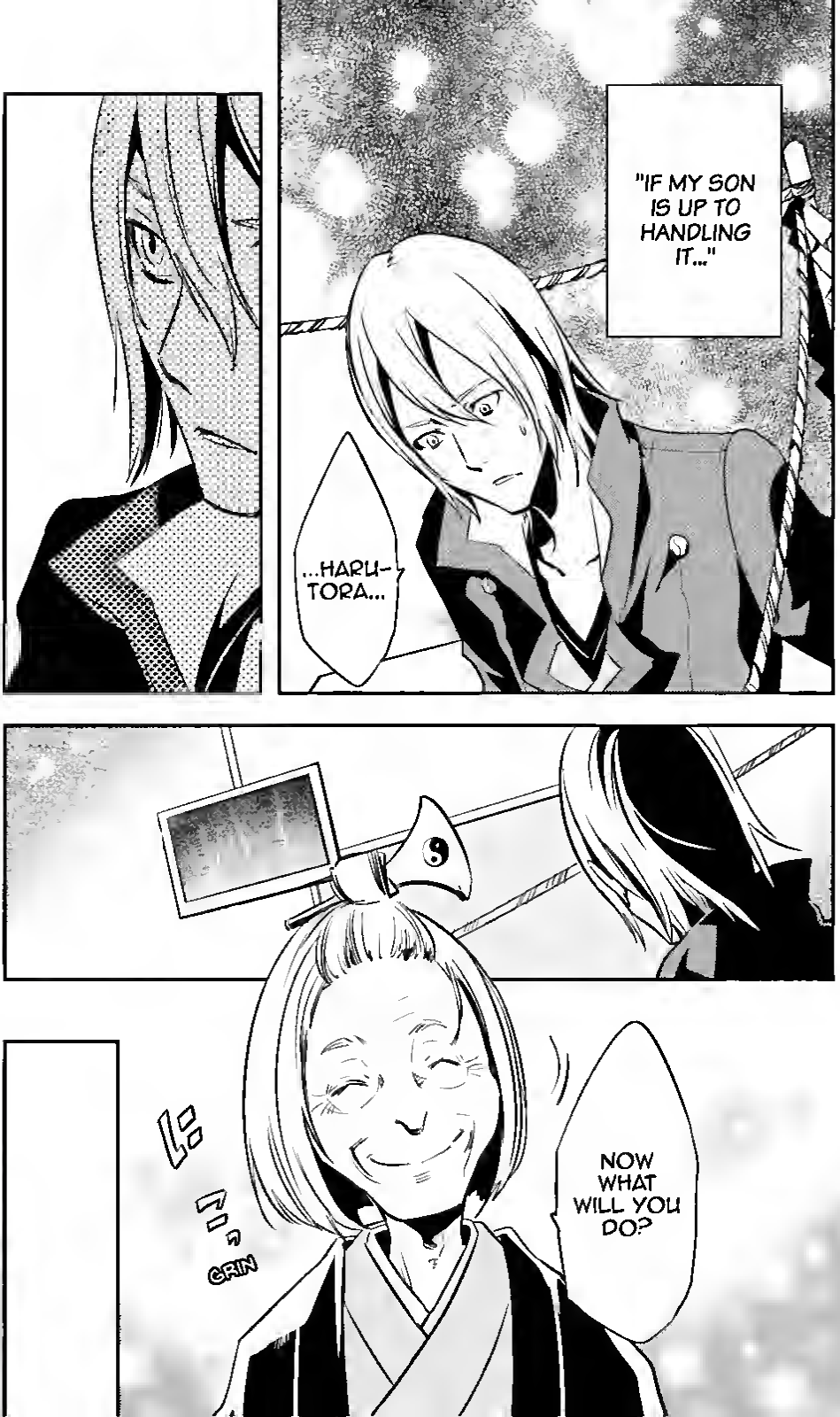
THAT WAS...
...THE EXPANSION OF THE SEAL.
THEN, HE IMMEDIATELY PREPARED A NEW TECHNIQUE.
YOUR TREATMENT HAS JUST NOW ENTERED THE NEXT STAGE.
THAT IS TO SAY...
THIS IS NOT A STAGE WHERE YOU SUPPRESS THE OGRE, BUT WHERE YOU "DISCIPLINE" IT.
A STAGE WHERE YOU, TOJI ATO, MUST CONTROL THE OGRE.
THIS IS, IN SOME WAYS, EXTREMELY HIGH RISK
OR TO PUT IT ANOTHER WAY...
...A VERY AGGRESSIVE PLAN.

BECAUSE YOU ENTERED THIS SCHOOL...
...AND MADE THE DECISION TO BECOME AN ONMYOJI.
.....
DO YOU KNOW WHY WE'RE DOING THIS?
TO NOT JUST TAKE AWAY THE OGRE...
...BUT TO IN-STEAD...
THAT'S WHY, RATHER THAN SIMPLY BIND THE OGRE DOWN AND DO OUR BEST TO REMOVE ITS INFLUENCE...
...WE CAN CHANGE IT INTO SOMETHING USEFUL.
TO GIVE YOU MORE OPTIONS...

...GIVE YOU THE RIGHT TO HARNESS THE OGRE WITHIN YOU.
HARNESS ...
...THE OGRE?
!
DO YOU KNOW WHY THAT IS?
...KNOWN BY ANOTHER NAME, "OGRE EATER."
INDE-PENDENT OFFICER KAGAMI IS...

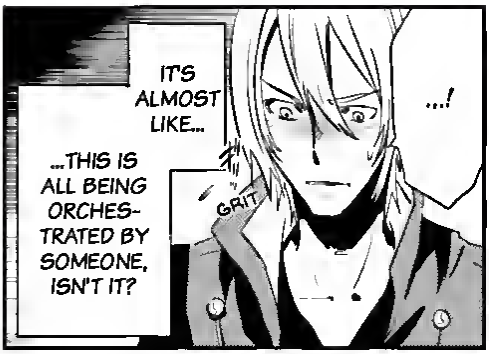
NO...
THAT IS BECAUSE HE USES OGRES.
HE TAKES POWERFUL OGRES WHO HAVE BEEN SUBDUED...
VOOOM
...AND INSTEAD OF SUMMONING THEM, HE SUCKS UP THEIR POWERS.
HE TAKES TERRIFYING OGRES AND REDUCES THEM TO "FOOD."
THE SOURCE OF HIS POWER...
...COMES FROM THE OGRES HE USES.
WHAT...?!

AN OGRE-TYPE SPIRITUAL DISASTER..
BOOM!
THAT'S THE...
...POWER OF AN OGRE?
...ME.
JUST LIKE...
HOWEVER ...
IN ORDER FOR YOU TO CONTINUE TO THE NEXT STAGE...
...YOU MUST FULFILL THE REQUIREMENTS.
...YOU MUSTN'T FORGET YOUR DOCTOR'S WORDS.


"IF MY SON IS UP TO HANDLING IT..."
...HARU-TORA...
NOW WHAT WILL YOU DO?
GRIN

YOU DON'T HAVE TO SEE ME OFF.
SLIDE
TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH, I'M NOT SUPPOSED TO HAVE THIS, BUT...
DON'T BE SO HASTY.
ACTU-ALLY, I HAVE SOME-THING FOR YOU.
!!
POOF

NEIGH
A TSUCHI-MIKADO FAMILY FAMILIAR...
...YUKI-KAZE.
IT LOOKS LIKE HARUTORA TOLD YOU.
PRINCIPAL, IS THAT...?!
TODAY I RECEIVED THE TALIS-MAN IN A LETTER FROM NATSUME'S FATHER.
IT WAS IN THE EVENING, DURING YOUR EXAM.
WHY WOULD HE SEND THAT?!
I DON'T KNOW.
BUT...
...HE MAY HAVE HAD A PREMONI-TION.


IT'S ALMOST LIKE...
...THIS IS ALL BEING ORCHES-TRATED BY SOMEONE, ISN'T IT?
GRIT
...!

HE CAN ALSO READ THE STARS.

NO...
THAT DOESN'T MATTER.
GLENCH...

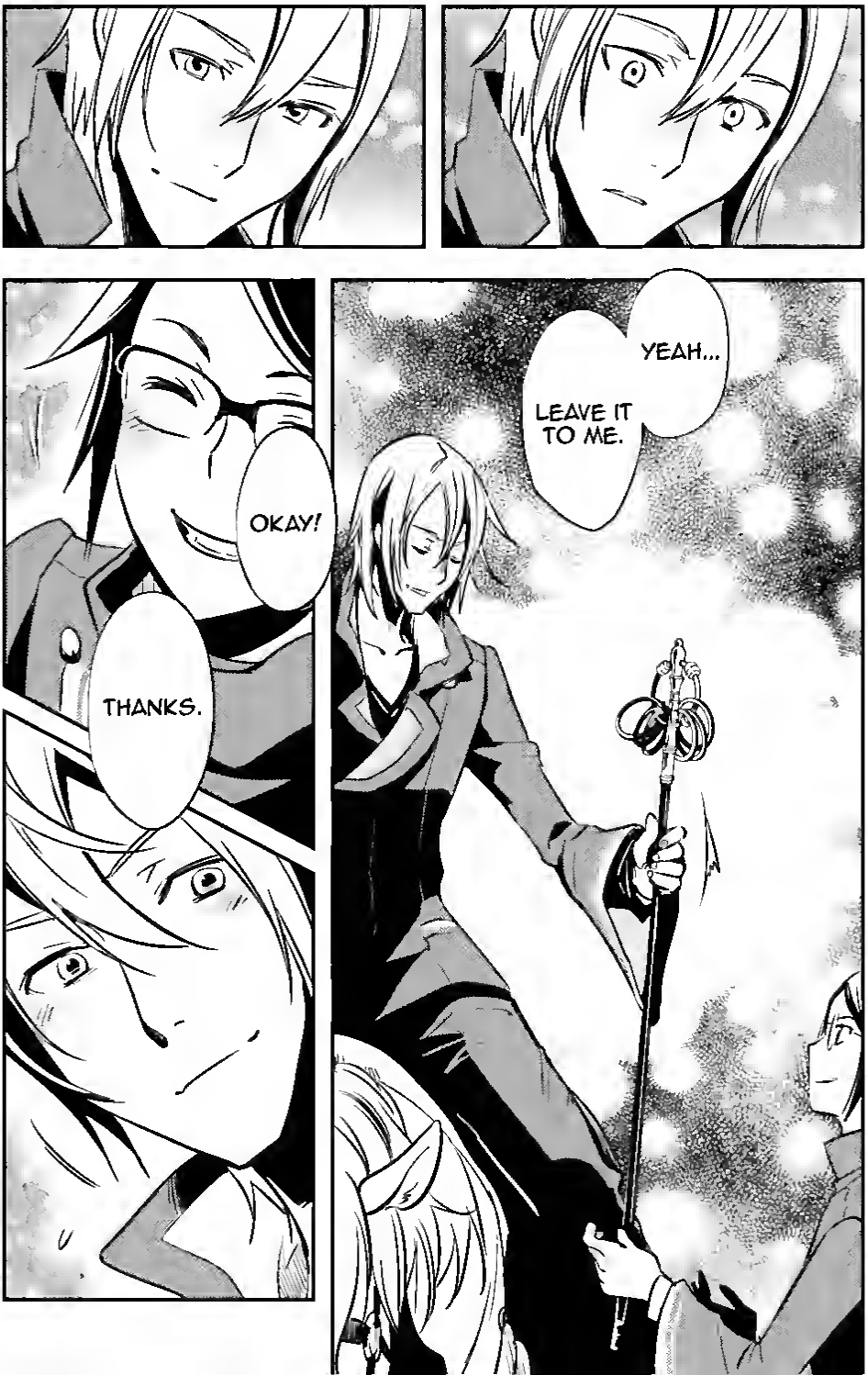
I'VE HEARD OF YOU.
I'VE HEARD YOU'RE A REALLY STRONG FAMILIAR.

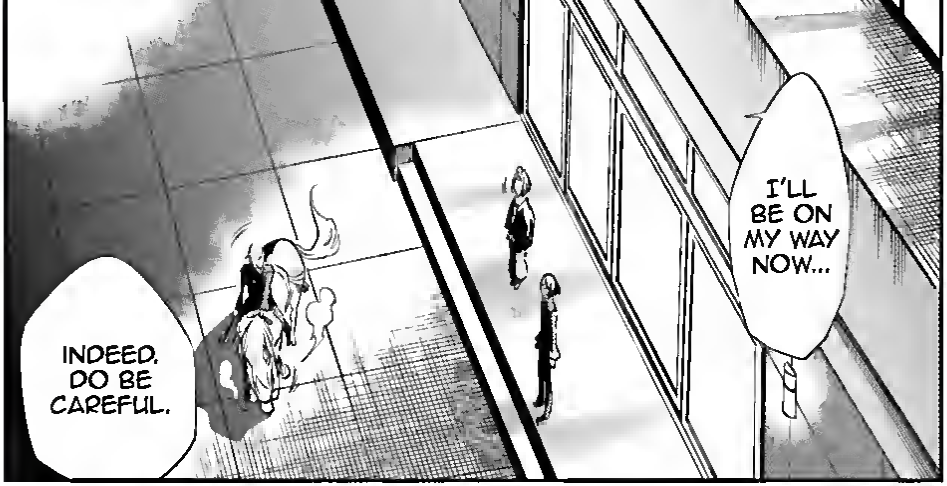
WOULD YOU...
...LEND ME YOUR POWER?

NEIGH
CLOP
HOP
SNAP
WAIT, TOJI!
VSSSHHHH

TEN-MA?
Haa haa
はは
TUMP
TUMP
THANK GOODNESS I MADE IT IN TIME.
TUMP
STARE
?
AHH, THANK GOODNESS.
ACTUALLY, I WAS KIND OF NERVOUS.
I KNOW THAT I'M...
...PRETTY UNRELIABLE WITH STUFF LIKE THAT.
NERVOUS ABOUT WHETHER I'D BE ABLE TO TREAT YOU THE SAME AS BEFORE.
YEAH.
NERV-OUS?

BUT I'M SO HAPPY EVERYTHING SEEMS FINE.
TOJI IS STILL JUST TOJI AFTER ALL.
BEING A HALF-OGRE DOESN'T CHANGE ANYTHING.
...TEN-MA...
I'M CERTAIN HARU-TORA...
...WILL NEED THIS.


YEAH...
LEAVE IT TO ME.
OKAY!
THANKS.


I'LL BE ON MY WAY NOW...
INDEED. DO BE CAREFUL.

PAT
UNFOR-TUNATELY, THIS IS MY FIRST TIME RIDING A HORSE...
...BUT I KNEW MY WAY AROUND ON A MOTOR-CYCLE WITHOUT A LICENSE.

CLOP
ALL RIGHT!

DON'T HOLD BACK.
KICK IT INTO HIGH GEAR.

WOOSH
ZOOM
LET'S GO!!
...HE'S GONE.

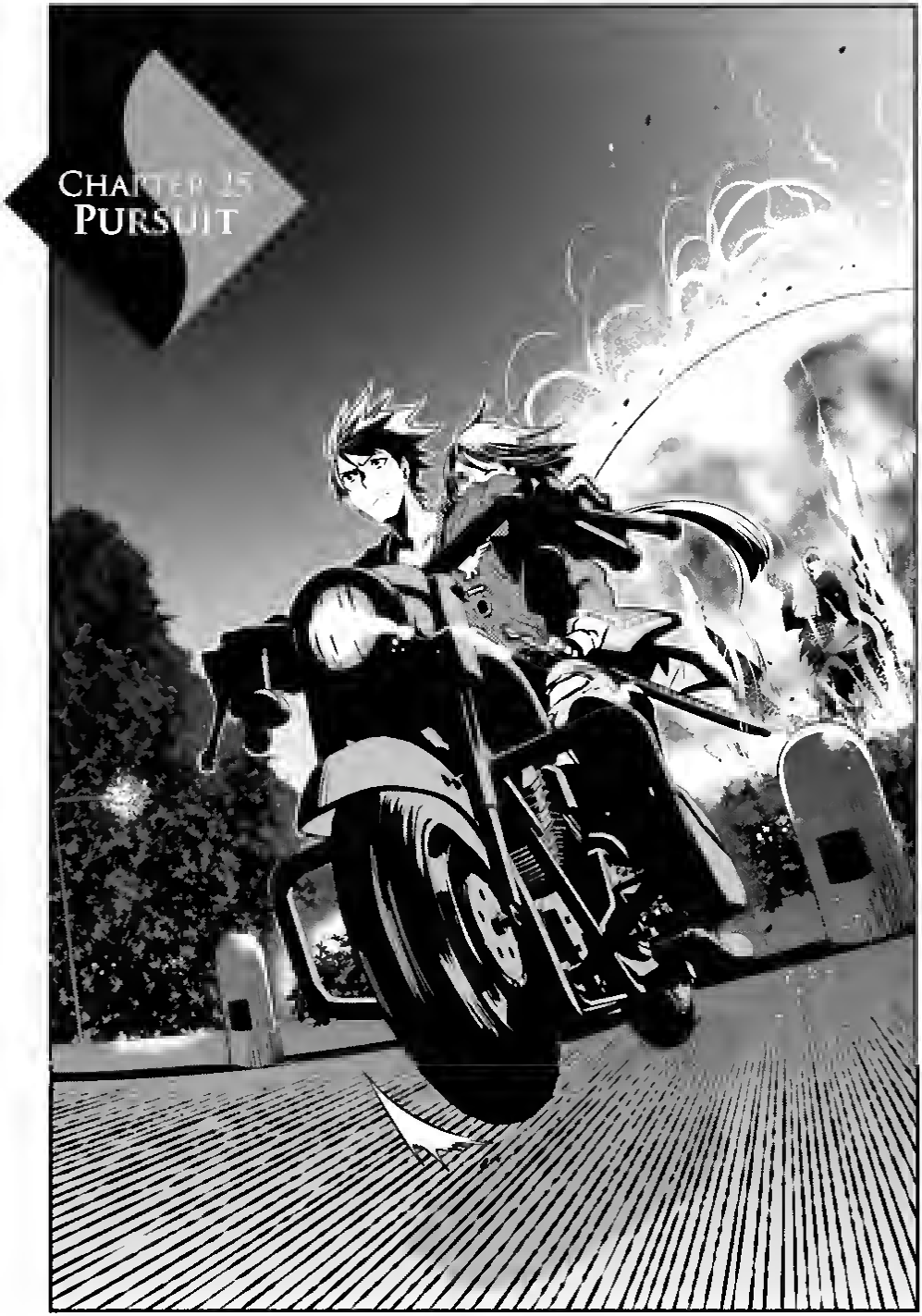
LET'S GO!!

ZOOM
WOOSH
...HE'S GONE.

Heh...
IT SEEMS LIKE YOU FIT THE TEACHER ROLE EVEN BETTER THAN WE THOUGHT.
Murmur
THE REST IS UP TO YOU.
HEH...
NOT THAT YOU NEEDED ME TO TELL YOU THAT.
IT'S IN YOUR HANDS NOW, MR. OTOMO.
END OF CHAPTER 24

WOOSH
Haa
HAS IT STARTED ?!
Haa...
M-M-MASTER HARUTORA!
HAA
HAA
HAA
WE'RE GOING TO NEED YOUR FLYING ABILITY.
SAVE YOUR ENERGY FOR NOW!
Haa...
CRUMPLE
MEDICAL CHARM
WITH ALL DUE RESPECT, PLEASE ALLOW ME TO CARRY YOU!
N-NO...!
Haa
Haa...

日本橋
Nihonbashi
三宅坂
Miyakezaka
神宮外苑
Jinguugaien
246
414
O-OKAY!
TOSS
STICK
Grit
BRAND NEW
LET'S GO!!


CHAPTER 15
PURSUIT

WOOSH
WE HAVE TO SLOW HIM DOWN BEFORE WE CAN STOP HIM COMPLETELY.
KOKURYU! DASSAI! REISEN! HO'OBIDEN!
FLAP
FLAP
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
?!

ARMORED FAMILIARS ?!
THE MOTOR-CYCLE ITSELF IS A FAMILIAR ...?
IT'S PRETTY WEIRD, HUH?
It was moving so strangely on the road
STOP THE NUE! WE HAVE TO TAKE IT OUT WITHIN THE OUTER GARDEN!
HURRY!
CAAW!
CAAW!
VOOM
SWOOSH
SWOOSH
IT'S FALLING INTO JINGU STADIUM!
ALL RIGHT!
LET'S PURIFY IT WITHIN THE STADIUM TO REDUCE THE EFFECT ON THE REST OF THE CITY.
BYOON

OKAY, NOW GUIDE IT DOW...
AH! YOU IDIOTS!
SCREECH
?!
JUMP JUMP
SHUT UP AND CHASE HIM! WE'LL TRY THE CHICHIBU-NOMIYA RUGBY STADIUM NEXT.
BUT ANY FURTHER AND WE'LL BE ON AOYAMA STREET!
WE NEED TO TAKE IT DOWN!
.....!
CAAW!
CAAW!
CAAW!
ZEN-JIRO! HE'S REALLY SMART!
IT WAS A FEINT !!...!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!

GLIDE
HOKUTO!
DON'T LET THE NUE GET AWAY!
!
I'LL HELP YOU!
ALL RIGHT! WE'LL GO AFTER HIM TOGETHER!
WOOSH
ZOOM
WOOSH

TWIST
TWIST
ROAAAAR
SCREECH
AW YEAH!
NA-TSU ...
WOOOOOSH

JUMP
THAT VOICE...!
WOOOOOSH
NATSUME ?!
HARUTORA !!

!!
SCREECH
HARU-TORA...?
...?!
WHA...
ORDER!
PULSE
SWIFF

WOOSH
WOOSH
WOOSH
BAM
PING
TALISMAN
?!
WHO...
BAM
BAM
BAM
VOOM

SLASH
DISPERSE!

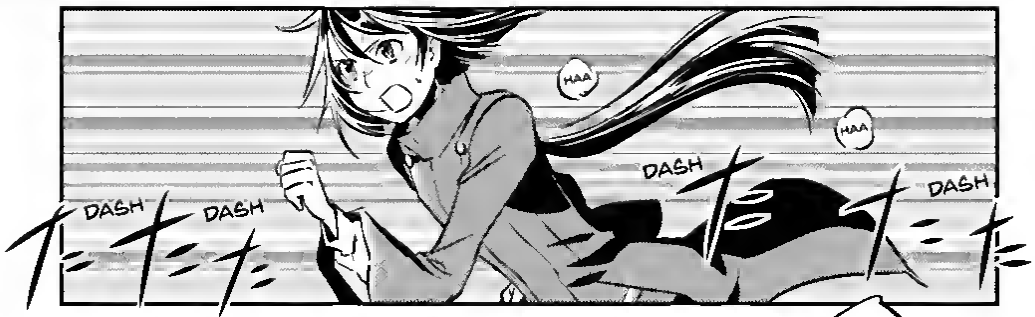
...
MUTOBE?
SCREECH
HE'S HEADING OUTSIDE OF THE GROUNDS ....

MUTOBE... FORMER NUMBER TWO OF THE GHOST DIVISION...
HE'S NOT SOMEONE I CAN TAKE LIGHTLY.
WHAT SHOULD I DO?!
CONTACT HIRATA?
NO, PURSUE THE NUE IN A HELICOPTER?
BUT THEY'VE GOT THEIR HANDS FULL WITH THIS PHASE 4 PURIFICATION...
...THE NUMBER OF VICTIMS WILL INCREASE.
BUT IF I ALLOW THE NUE TO GET AWAY...
NATSUME ...!!
Ah!
... HARUTORA...!

HEY--
WHAT?!
?!
I'LL GO AFTER IT!
YOU WILL?!
JUMP
...!
!
DASH
DASH
DASH

...?
NATSU-ME!
AW, DAMMIT!
REISEN! HO'OBIDEN! CHASE THE NUE!
KOKURYU AND DASSAI, RETURN TO ME!

BROOOM...


HAA
HAA
DASH
DASH
DASH
DASH

Huh?
?!
MAN, YOU'RE MORE SPRY THAN I WOULD'VE GIVEN YOU CREDIT FOR!

FLAP
FLAP
MR. KOGURE'S VOICE...?!
TAKE MY Ffamiliars WITH YOU.
I'LL HEAD YOUR WAY AS SOON AS I TAKE CARE OF THIS GUY.
ALL RIGHT?
DON'T DO ANYTHING STUPID!
OVER!
MY NAME IS DASSAI.
WE'RE GOING? I MEAN, YEAH, WE'RE GOING!
VROOOM
?!
TO THE SKIES!
WHAAAT?!
JUMP!
HOP
WOOOOOSH

WHOOSH
JUMP
VROOOM
AAAH?!
EEK!
FWUMP
DROP
ぱっ

SQUEEZE!
I...?!
I...
CALM DOWN AND GRAB THE HANDLE-BARS!
CAAW!
YOU GOT A GIRLY VOICE!
Ahhh!
WOOOOOSH
WHAT THE...?!
M-M-MASTER HARUTORA?!
CAAW!
GET ON, BRAT!

UH.
GRAB
G-GET ON?!
Are you crazy?!
WOOSH
AHHH?!
AHHH?!
GRO-E
THUMP

H-HARUTORA, WHERE ARE YOUR--?!
OH MY GOD, I'M GONNA DIE! I'M REALLY GONNA DIE!
WHAT THE HECK WERE THOSE ACROBAT-ICS !!
WOOSH
H-HARU-TORA WHAT ARE YOU ...?!
I'M NOT DOING ANY-THING...!
NA-NA-NATSUME! WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON?!
W-WHERE THE HELL ARE YOUR HANDS--!
AAH!
WOOOOOSH

DO YOU EVEN HAVE A LICENSE ?!
OF COURSE I DON'T!
WOOOOOSH

A-ANYWAY, WE HAVE TO FOCUS ON THE NUE! WE CAN'T LET IT GET AWAY!
WE HAVE TO CHASE IT DOWN!
RAAAR
THAT'S RIGHT, THE NUE!

UNDER-STOOD!
KON! SUPPORT HOKUTO AND THE OTHERS!
ZOOM
FLAP
FLAP
THAT BAST-ARD...!
WOOOOOSH
IT LOOKS LIKE THE ROADS AROUND HERE ARE CLOSED, BUT...
...WE HAVE TO STOP IT QUICKLY!
IF WE KEEP GOING STRAIGHT, WE'LL BE AT SHIBUYA STATION.
SCREECH

SWOOSH
BOOM
?!
BAM

CRASH
HOKUTO ?!
ANNB
WAIT, HOKUTO!
COME HERE!
WHAT ?!
Bastard!
Huh!?

WOOSH
SWOOSH
WH...
WHA...
JUMP
I'M GOING WITH YOU!
HARU-TORA!!
VROOM
Let's do it!

I'LL BE BACK SOON!!
WOOSH
GRAB

GRA

WOOSH
I'LL BE BACK SOON!!

ROAAAR
NNG...
ORDER!
CRASH

KON! DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME, CHASE THE NUE!
MASTER HARUTORA! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
SCREEECH
CAAW!
WOW! SO RECK-LESS!
BUT SO COOL!
SLASH
SCREECH
...!
CAAW!
SO COOL! I CAN'T LOSE TO HIM!
Yeaaaaaah!!
うおおお
NOW I'M PUMPED! I CAN'T WAIT FOR ZENJIRO ANYMORE!
CAAAW!
おお!!

LET'S TAKE CARE OF THIS NUE OURSELVES!
VOOM
BOOM
BAM
BAM
BAM
BAM

GLARE
BAM
BAM
BAM
BAM
ROAAAR
WOOSH
WOOSH
DON'T EVEN TRY!!

GLARE
Idiot.
-BOOM-
WOOSH
SMASH
...HUH?!
WOOSH
HARU-TORA?!
SCREECH

WOOSH
SNATCH
Here
BACK LEG
Oh crap
BZZT BZZT
FLAP
BZNT
FLAP
SMASH
TOSS
BZNT
WHY Y-Y-Y-YOU...!!
CAAW!!
UNDER-STOOD!
CAAW!
ATTACK HIM ALL AT ONCE!
CAAW!
NOW! THIS IS OUR CHANCE!

...!
HUH?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, KON?
SHAKE SHAKE
WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO MASTER HARUTORA!
SHUT UP.
GRRRRRRRRR
I GAVE YOU AN ORDER! FORGET ME AND GO AFTER THE NUE!
YOU, TOO, HOKUTO!
USE THAT POWER FROM BEFORE AND ATTACK WITH ALL YOU GOT!
NOW'S OUR CHANCE!
.....
WOOSH
All right!

HMPH!
...AS YOU COMMAND, MASTER.
VOOSH
SMACK
BZZT
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
ALL RIGHT! ALL TROOPS ATTACK!

DAMMIT!
GRAB
What!
Dammit!
JUMP
I CAN'T ALLOW HIM TO GET ANY FARTHER...
WOOSH

HARU-
TORA...!
?!

END OF CHAPTER 25

AFTERWORD

HELLO EVERYONE!! THIS IS ATSUSHI SUZUMI. TOKYO RAVENS HAS FINALLY RELEASED ITS FIFTH VOLUME! IS THE SERIOUSNESS AND BATTLES TOO MUCH OF A CHANGE OF PACE FROM THE LAST VOLUME? WHAT DO YOU THINK? DO YOU MISS THE HIGH SCHOOL LOVE COMEDY VIBES ALREADY? TOO SOON? THERE'S ONLY A LITTLE BIT LEFT FROM VOLUME 3 OF THE LIGHT NOVEL, I'LL WORK HARD ON THE NEXT ONE TOO. MR. AZANO, MY PREVIOUS SUPERVISOR AND MY CURRENT SUPERVISOR, AND THE SUPERVISOR AT FUJIMI SHOBO, THANK YOU SO MUCH! LOOKING FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU IN THE FUTURE! I'D LIKE TO THANK MY ASSISTANTS FOR THEIR HARD WORK ON THE BATTLE SCENES AS WELL!! I'D BE THRILLED IF YOU WOULD JOIN ME AGAIN FOR THE NEXT VOLUME.

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